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## Council tax set to rise by 4.9%

**THE Vale Council has announced its budget proposals for the next financial year, and is proposing a 4.9 per cent rise in council tax.**

On Monday, February 3, the Council's Cabinet will consider the proposals before a meeting of all councillors on February 26.

A council spokesperson said: "A larger than anticipated settlement from Welsh Government has increased the amount of investment that is possible and also eased the pressure on vital

services.

"The financial settlement means the council will not need to increase council tax at a higher rate than last year. The authority is proposing an increase of 4.9 per cent, which is below the projected Welsh average.

"The increase of 4.9 per cent was the preferred option when this matter was recently put to residents, with three times the average number of respondents making their views known in this year's budget consultation process."

However, the council says that "tough

decisions" will still need to be taken to deal with "the fallout from 10 years of austerity".

On the plus side, the council lists the following:

- Schools will receive an extra £6 million in the coming year, with £115 million identified in the next two years to build new schools and renovate existing ones.

- £1.7 million will be spent on road resurfacing to improve the Vale's highway network.

- £400,000 is to be invested into the area of Neighbourhood Services and Transport.

- £135,000 will be pledged to school transport – avoiding the need to scale back current provision.

- £1.25 million will be put towards future projects aimed at tackling climate change.

## Celebrations as nursery deemed to be 'excellent'



**COGAN Nursery School has achieved an excellent rating in all five inspection areas, with inspectors giving no specific recommendations.**

It is the first school in the primary sector to have achieved this.

In its report, Estyn described the school as a 'highly effective educational setting,' that provides 'exceptional early years' education for its pupils. The quality of the learning experiences was deemed 'outstanding'.

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## Council is ignoring climate emergency

**C**OUNCILLOR Moore's column in a recent edition of The GEM left me wondering if our councillors are on a different planet – one where there is no climate emergency.

Given environmental issues in the Vale such as increased flooding, decreasing air quality, river and sea pollution not to mention the widely acknowledged need to reduce the negative effects of increasing car usage with better public transport, I would have thought the effects of the climate crisis we are facing would have had rather more of an obvious impact on Vale Council spending plans.

It appears, however, that it is business as usual at the Vale Council, despite the Council's declaration of a climate emergency last year.

Future generations, who are future voters, won't thank local politicians who ignore the urgent need to change thinking and take action to halt all plans that will cause environmental damage in the Vale.

G M Lloyd, Tredodridge.

## Step away from the plastic grass!

**T**HERE is nothing sadder in the natural world than watching a songthrush or blackbird search endlessly for worms on a plastic grass-covered garden.

Why do people feel the need to kill off their living garden by covering it with plastic artificial turf? Don't they realise there will be no daisies, clover or dandelions for our bees and butterflies, or slugs or worms for our beleaguered hedgehogs?

This ever-increasing fashion to exclude nature from our gardens must be stopped before we end up with plastic hedges and trees as well.

Please give Nature a chance!

Rob Curtis, Barry Action for Nature.

## 'Relish this wonderful country'

**I** READ with interest Stephen Jenkins' comments concerning Alun Cairns (GEM letters, January 16) and it goes without saying that every citizen of the UK is entitled to their views about our MPs.

The points made about Mr Cairns rang my bell as without doubt, there are issues.

I feel Mr Jenkins' pain which I understand, for opposing reasons. Residing in this socialist paradise, Wales, with a political leader Mark Drakeford who spouts socialist dogma constantly with views similar to Mr Corbyn, makes me distressed but to no avail, the people have spoken.

Further on in his correspondence, I also have to disagree with Mr Jenkins somehow linking The GEM newspaper's editorial layout and colours as showing Conservative party bias with country pursuits and farmers brought into the equation.

Living in the Vale of Glamorgan, I suggest the letter writer take a journey through the beautiful surroundings of the Vale – the wildlife is abundant; there are horses, cows, the occasional alpaca and llama; the animal husbandry of which is carried out by all those Tory farmers.

I would suggest they are some of the hardest working people in the UK, and when they have time off, have the audacity to carry out pastimes which according to Mr Jenkins have Conservatism at their core.

Finally, Mr Jenkins, rejoice in your surroundings and at the start of a new decade, let us all come together, whatever our political views, and relish

## Readers' Letters

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this wonderful country and stop searching for spurious and unfounded issues that divide us.

Ian Hampton, Maesteg.

## Irresponsible dog owners spoil walks

**I** WALKED down the pathway from the green to Jackson's Bay recently, as I do quite often.

I am getting more and more angry at the dog walkers who let their dogs loose at the top of the pathway. The dogs then run out of sight, defecate, and it is not picked up by their owners.

I counted 20 piles one day, which is disgusting and against the law.

I wish the council would put up larger notices, or patrol the area from time to time to catch the owners of these dogs.

The green above Jackson's Bay is not much better. Can I plead with those people who are not picking up after their dogs to be more responsible and keep our beautiful area clean of dog mess.

Avril Main, Barry Island.

## Australian bush fires a result of 'ecological mania'

**M**Y son, a long term resident of Adelaide, Australia, has a love-hate relationship with the eucalyptus 'gum' tree, admiring it for the beautiful striped bark quality of its trunk, while being only too aware of its potential as a fire hazard.

It is superbly adapted to survive fire itself while promoting combustion all around it.

All eucalypti add a layer of bark yearly and in some species the dead bark is shed as tree litter, oil rich, highly inflammable and a perfect fuel.

Reaching high temperatures, trees have been known to explode and the oil-saturated air of tree crowns facilitate the rapid movement of bush fires.

The sap, equally flammable, flies off when burned, igniting fires up to 100 metres away.

This is precisely what has been happening in many parts of the country.

The Aborigines have long known the need to conduct controlled burns, aware that by not doing so invited gigantic wildfires and this precaution, together with establishing fire delaying dirt roadways, was once standard practice throughout rural areas.

Recent ecological mania has, however, replaced tried and tested common sense and it is now even illegal to clear the combustible tree litter, dead branches and fallen trees, enforced by huge fines by the National Parks and Wildlife managers.

They might just as well urge people to pour petrol onto fire – the effect would be the same!

Hopefully, the recent disaster might well reintroduce a more pragmatic approach by the authorities.

A T G Owens, Cowbridge.

## Grateful thanks

**I** WOULD like to convey my thanks to the staff and customers of the Golden Star takeaway in Rhose, who were so kind and helpful

when I passed out in their shop on January 11.

Their help is very much appreciated.

JM Rowe, Rhose.

## Church tax 'unlawful'

**C**OMMUNITY Councils in Wales are taxing residents to give money to the Church for the upkeep of churchyards and incorporated graveyards.

This is despite the warnings from qualified legal professionals that this practice isn't confirmed as lawful.

The 1894 Local Government Act (England and Wales) expressly prohibited councils from spending any money on maintaining or improving Church property.

In practice this includes the church building itself, the churchyard and the church hall. In 2014, Brandon Lewis MP, who was at the time Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at DCMS, confirmed that the Government agreed that the 1894 prohibition is still in force.

The Church claims that it is entitled to financial assistance from councils due to the 1972 local Government Act that enabled local councils to offer financial support for cemeteries (owned by local authorities or private concerns) and burial grounds. The Church argues that the graveyards within their churchyards are burial grounds.

Legal experts and the UK government consider the specific prohibition on funding of church property (1894) to be stronger in law than the generalising term "burial ground".

The 1972 Act also specifically refers to 'Closed Churchyards' in enabling councils to financially support them.

This suggests that the spirit of the Act was to enable local councils to financially assist with the upkeep of closed churchyards, whilst maintaining the prohibition on financial support of churches that remain open.

Our communities have people of different faiths and no faith. We should not be taxing people because our established Church is failing to engage with communities and to fundraise. For churches to survive, they need to engage and become relevant to communities again.

I believe that insular churches, surviving on taxes from communities, will continue to see their congregations and relevance decline.

Councillors agreeing payments to the church may be bringing their council into disrepute – although some councillors don't care, as there is no penalty.

Cllr Ian Perry, St Nicholas.

## 'Out of touch with the people...'

**O**NCE again we are treated to an example of the distance with which Mark Drakeford and the Welsh Labour Party behave towards the people of Wales, who voted to leave the EU.

They have tabled a motion to oppose the government leaving the EU at the end of January, a pointless gesture.

Mark Drakeford has learned nothing from the General Election, when his support for Jeremy Cor-

byn destroyed the Westminster Labour Party and did severe damage to Welsh Labour. He is not the right leader to take the party into the Senedd election.

As Corbyn has had to do, he should stand aside and let someone more in touch with the wishes of the people take over.

M T Hopkins, Cowbridge.

## 'Is there anybody there, said the Traveller...'

**M**Y wife and I live in Colcot Road in Barry, and our nearest bus stop and shelter is at Williams stores in College Road.

This is one of the old type shelters with filthy plastic windows in a rusting, stained frame; in an effort to try and get it cleaned up I wrote to our ward councillor in September.

I had no reply, and nothing was done.

In October I wrote again, both to our MP and to the transport department at the Civic Offices: result – nothing whatsoever.

So if any of your readers have any ideas as to how we can get these eyesores cleaned up, or better still replaced, perhaps they could write to The GEM, and tell us.

D Lloyd, Barry.

## Council Tax rise

**C**OUNCILLOR Moore has quoted in last week's GEM that the increase in cash from the Welsh Government 'will have a positive impact and reduce the amount of council tax we need to raise this year'.

This is good news, but it begs the question why for a number of years the Vale of Glamorgan share of the Revenue Support Grant (RSG), which makes up about two thirds of the council's budget, has always been one of the lowest funded in Wales and why the council has accepted this.

The council state they have already had to make savings of £55m over the past 10 years.

The article states that the average Band D council tax has increased by 16% in the Vale of Glamorgan since 2015/16, and considers that this compares favourably to 19% across Wales.

However, the UK inflation rate for the same period was 2.48% and most employed people have not received a pay rise of 16% since 2015/16.

Those of us on a pension have not received a 16% rise either.

It's hard to comprehend why the council tax is going up at all when according to The GEM: 'Vale Council reserves jump after making £5.8m 'profit' in 2018, and have usable reserves of £105m' (The GEM September 12, 2019).

D McFarlane, Rhose.

## HIGH TIDE TIMES

The high tides listed in this week's Gem are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

## UNTIL FEBRUARY 6

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| 30/01/2020 | 21.56 | 9.0             |
| 31/01/2020 | 10.18 | 8.8             |
| 31/01/2020 | 22.32 | 8.4             |
| 01/02/2020 | 10.56 | 8.3             |
| 01/02/2020 | 23.12 | 8.0             |
| 02/02/2020 | 11.42 | 7.7             |
| 02/02/2020 | 23.59 | 7.6             |
| 03/02/2020 |       |                 |
| 03/02/2020 | 12.43 | 7.5             |
| 04/02/2020 | 01.18 | 7.3             |
| 04/02/2020 | 13.58 | 7.4             |
| 05/02/2020 | 02.42 | 7.7             |
| 05/02/2020 | 15.18 | 8.0             |
| 06/02/2020 | 03.52 | 8.2             |
| 06/02/2020 | 16.22 | 8.5             |

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# Parking charges will be another nail in the coffin for town centres, says MP

**THE Vale of Glamorgan Council's Cabinet will not consider a report on car parking proposals this month, despite promising to do so, leading to questions over whether they plan to scrap the idea.**

The report was expected to recommend the introduction of car parking charges across the Vale. Alun Cairns MP, who has consistently campaigned against the introduction of parking charges, is calling on the council to confirm if they are killing proposals once and for all.

The process raises questions over the internal costs of the report, which carries an estimated charge to the council of £45,000.

The Vale MP says that it's vital that the council decisively scraps the plans, providing local businesses and residents with certainty.

Mr Cairns said that the council must not dither or delay, but act promptly to put traders at ease.

He added that if the principle of parking charges is introduced, the council will spend the coming years increasing the costs and the number of locations where charges apply.

Mr Cairns said: "The introduction of charges, even if brought in at a relatively low cost initially, will no doubt be the thin end of the wedge. They will use low charges to simply get the policy agreed and after a year or two, I can see costs spiralling.

"It risks a huge amount of damage to our high streets and coastal locations, making it even more difficult for shop owners to recruit staff if they have to pay to go to work every day.

"It penalises those who want to shop local and support local business, making it even more difficult for our traders to be competitive."

He added: "The machines will come at great expense and it will take years to pay them off before the council would benefit from any revenue.

"I cannot see any benefit in pursuing this deeply damaging proposal.

"What has this council got against our town centres?

"Business rates are extortionate, buses services have been cut and now they plan to hammer in another nail by introducing car parking charges. More progressive councils are abolishing charges to boost town centres. The Vale Cabinet now needs



to confirm if they are scrapping the plans altogether, as they should."

A Vale of Glamorgan Council spokesperson said: "The Council has consulted on the development of a Car Parking Policy and all opinions expressed are currently being given further detailed consideration. A report on the matter will be presented to Cabinet in due course."

# Council tax set to rise by 4.9%

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**THE council has also earmarked nearly £250,000 for electric vehicles to be added to the council's pool car fleet.**

Cllr Neil Moore, the Leader of the Vale Council, said: "We have listened to residents when it comes to our budget proposals for the next financial year. The majority of those who responded to our consultation indicated they would prefer an increase in council tax of 4.9 per cent alongside some cuts that would normally accompany such a modest rise. That is exactly what we are proposing, but without the need to cut services.

"Our suggested budget includes

plans for significant investment in schools, which will mean better facilities and improved learning environments for our children, as well as money to be spent on infrastructure throughout the County.

"However, it is important to stress that even though this promising news about our Welsh Government funding is welcome, it does not represent a magic wand and solve our financial situation.

"We will still have some difficult issues to address brought about by the decade-long underfunding of councils across Wales. We will attempt to be creative in meeting this challenge, aiming to improve efficiency by reshaping services and avoiding cuts wherever possible."

# Police appeal after assault

**POLICE are investigating an assault which happened near the control building of Cardiff Bay barrage at around 9pm on January 10.**

Officers have revealed the incident involved two men who were fishing off the barrage near the locks.

A 32-year-old man from Splott in Cardiff has been arrested in connection with the offence and has been released on bail.

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# Man jailed for 'frightening and brutal' assault on police officers

A MAN from Llantwit Major has been sent to prison after launching a "frightening and brutal" attack on emergency service workers, police have revealed.

Kyle Lewis, aged 31, assaulted two police officers while resisting arrest for breach of peace at an address in Tre-Beferad in Llantwit Major on November 24 last year.

Four other officers, who were drafted in to help their colleagues at the scene, sustained minor injuries.

Two emergency workers required hospital treatment for their injuries.

Police were called to a property in Tre-Beferad at around 8.45pm after receiving reports of a man acting aggressively.

Chief Inspector for the Vale of Glamorgan Tony Williams said: "This was a frightening and brutal attack on emergency service workers who were attempting to go about their work to keep the public of south Wales safe.

"This man put two officers through a traumatic ordeal which saw their Sunday night shift end in a hospital A&E admission and also resulted in time off work due to their injuries.

"South Wales Police officers are committed public servants and, just like any other person, don't come to work to be punched, kicked, spat at, bitten or threatened.

"All emergency service workers deserve protection and must be able to go about their work without fear of being attacked.

"We hope this sentence will act as a deterrent to prevent further attacks so that we can continue to police the communities of south Wales as effectively and efficiently as we can."



ABOVE: Kyle Lewis  
Photo supplied by South Wales Police.

# Clampdown on flyposting underway

**ENFORCEMENT action will soon be taken by the Vale Council in a bid to tackle the problem of flyposting.**

IT is an offence to affix a picture, letter or sign to any surface of a highway or to attach such an item to a tree, lamppost or any other aspect of the highway without express permission.

Such a practice is a form of littering and can blight areas of the county, which is why the council plans to clamp down on it.

A Council spokesman said: "Under Section 132 of the highways Act (inserted S43 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003), the council has the authority to issue a £100 Fixed Penalty Notice per poster and we will soon be exercising the

power across the Vale.

"In December alone, our Environmental Enforcement Officers noted 34 examples of flyposting, with every case at risk of this punishment."

Cllr Peter King, Vale Council Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport, said: "Flyposting is an unsightly and unwelcome practice that can have a significant detrimental effect on the appearance of an area.

"Those responsible for flyposting should be warned that we will soon be exercising the extent of our powers to combat the issue. We intend to come down hard on those responsible and anyone found to have committed this offence could be looking at a penalty of £100 per poster."

# Nursery school deemed 'excellent'

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**THE inspectors noted that 'all practitioners have an exemplary understanding of child development,' and that as a result, 'the quality of teaching and learning across the setting is consistently of a very high quality.'**

Subsequent case studies of the nursery school's excellent practices have been sent to Estyn at their request. There are hopes that this sharing of practices will see the school contribute to the new Curriculum for Wales. Cabinet Member for Education

and Regeneration, Cllr Lis Burnett said: "The outcome of the inspection is brilliant - staff and pupils at Cogan Nursery should be very proud. They now have the opportunity to share the ways in which they do this, which could help shape the future of early years education in Wales."

Headteacher Pauline Rowland said: "Everyone at Cogan Nursery School is delighted with the inspection report. It reflects the ethos of the school and recognises the hard work of the entire school team of staff, children, parents and governors."

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### THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (GLAMORGAN STREET (PART) AND SALISBURY ROAD (PART) (BARRY) (ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2020

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below: -

#### SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

#### SCHEDULE 2

**Location 1:** The road to be closed is Glamorgan Street from its junction with Victoria Road to its junction with Salisbury Road  
**Location 2:** Salisbury Road from its junction with Vale Street to its junction with Dunraven Street also lane between 49 + 51 Salisbury Road  
**Reason:** To allow for Welsh Water main sewer works to be undertaken.  
**Duration:** From 7.00am on Monday 10th February 2020 until 6.00pm on Monday 23rd March 2020.

**Alt. Route:** Local signed diversions will be in place.  
**NB:** Pedestrian access will remain in place at all times.

Dated this 30th day of January 2020.

Director of Environment & Housing  
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# Art gallery marks death camp liberation



**VALE AM Jane Hutt joined Friends of Art Central chair Jane Salisbury to view the powerful 'Girls of Room 28' exhibition and virtual reality film 'The Last Goodbye'.**

The Art Central gallery in King Square Barry was commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Holocaust marking the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau the largest Nazi death camp.

Jane Hutt said: "The exhibition focused on the Girls of Room 28 where Jewish children were sent from Nazi occupied Czechoslovakia to Theresienstadt concentration camp during World War II. It is a powerful exhibition alongside the virtual reality film 'The Last Goodbye' telling the story of a survivor who revisits the camp where his twin sister and parents were gassed after they were separated at the gate from the train."



# MP honours those murdered during Holocaust and pays tribute to survivors

**VALE of Glamorgan MP ALUN Cairns has signed the Holocaust Educational Trust's Book of Commitment in Parliament.**

In doing so he pledged his commitment to Holocaust Memorial Day and honouring those who were murdered during the Holocaust, as well as paying tribute to the extraordinary Holocaust survivors who work tirelessly to educate young people today.

This year marks 75 years since the liberation of the concentration camps of Europe and the end of the Second World War.

At the end of the month, on the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, people across the globe will remember.

In the lead up to and on Holocaust Memorial Day, on 27 January, thousands of commemorative events were arranged by schools, faith groups and community organisations across the country, remembering all the victims of the Holocaust and subsequent genocides.

Mr Cairns also joined the Prime Minister in signing up to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) definition of antisemitism.

The APPG Against Antisemitism has been keen to get MPs from across the House to recognise the definition and demonstrate their support to the Jewish community.

After signing the Book of Commitment, Alun Cairns MP said: "Holocaust Memorial Day is an important opportunity for people from the Vale to reflect on the darkest times of European history.

"As the Holocaust moves from living history, to history, it becomes ever more important that we take the time to remember the six million Jewish victims and also pay tribute to the survivors. It's difficult to comprehend that antisemitism



ABOVE: Vale MP Alun Cairns signs the Book of Commitment in Parliament.

is such a prominent issue in public debate today, which demonstrates the importance of educating future generations about the horrendous atrocities that took place."

Karen Pollock of the Holocaust Educational Trust said: "As the Holocaust moves further into history, it falls on all of us to ensure that their stories and the stories of the Jewish six million men, women and children brutally murdered by the Nazis, are never forgotten. We all have a duty to remember the Holocaust and to stand up against antisemitism and hate, now more than ever."

# Play area to undergo £90k makeover

**THE Grange play area in Wenvoe is set to be transformed following a £90,000 investment by the Vale Council.**

A host of new equipment, featuring a nature and woodland theme, will replace the old deteriorating facilities and be suitable for a broad age range.

Features include a Spinner Bowl, Toddler Multiplay Unit with Steel Slide, Picnic Tables and Junior Swings.

Funding for the work has come from Section 106 contributions, secured by the Council from nearby building developments.

Work on the play area recently got under way and is due for completion by the end of February.

Such redevelopment is part of a widespread programme of work to improve play areas across the county.

Facilities at King George V Playing Fields in Llandough and the Murch in Dinas Powys are among those to be upgraded over the next couple of months.

Cllr Kathryn McCaffer, Vale of Glamorgan Council Cabinet Member for Leisure, Arts and Culture, said: "This work at the Grange will transform an outdated play area into a modern space full of the latest equipment suitable for children of a variety of ages. Outdoor play is so important to our children and every play area that is updated is supporting our children's development.

"This is part of a substantial programme of work that has seen play areas across the Vale upgraded over the last few years and The Grange is just one of a number that is undergoing such treatment at the moment."

# Love is in the air!

**LOVE was in the air at Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg on Friday as they celebrated 'Diwrnod Santes Dwynwen'.**

Santes Dwynwen is the patron saint of love in Wales and to mark the day, pupils in the secondary school bought each other 'sweet treats' to show their love, and some were sent anonymously!

In the primary school, a romantic disco was held for all to celebrate their love for each other. Here are two of the youngest children in the nursery class full of love and joy. Diwrnod Santes Dwynwen Hapus i bawb!



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**Councillors' surgery**

**LLANTWIT** First Independents will be holding a surgery at the Old School, Wine Street, Llantwit Major on Saturday, February 1 from 9.30am until 11.30am. Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

**Events at the Sandville**  
THE annual Thanksgiving Service for the Sandville Self-Help Centre, Ton Kenfig, will be at All Saints' Church, Porthcawl on Sunday, February 2 at 3pm.

After the service there is afternoon tea at the Sandville (CF36 4PU). The Sandville's next table top sale is on Saturday February 8, 2.30pm - 4pm. Items on sale include handbags, shoes, make up, jewellery, toys, bedding and china.

**Age Connects**  
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An adviser from the project will be available to chat to on Tuesday, February 4 from 10am to 12 noon at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. No appointment is needed; call 01446 732385 for further information.

**Community association**

**THE next meeting of the Tondy and Aberkenfig Community Association will take place on Wednesday, February 5 at 7pm at the Parish Rooms, Bryn Road, Ynysawdre.**

Items for discussion include the proposed link-road at Tondy; Llanmoor's development of the land west of the Maesteg Road, at Tondy, along with other local issues. All welcome, especially new members.

# Stroke Club

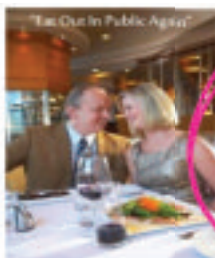
**HAVE you had a stroke or are you looking after someone who has?**

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are running a drop-in Stroke Club at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. The next session will be held on Thursday, February 6 from 10am to 12 noon. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

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# Transforming Education Across the Vale of Glamorgan

The 21st Century Schools Programme is a long-term investment in educational facilities throughout Wales. It is a collaboration between Welsh Government, the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA), local authorities, colleges and diocesan authorities.

More than £135 million is to be invested in secondary and primary schools across the Vale of Glamorgan between April 2019 and March 2024.

Our programme is all about delivering improved 21st Century learning spaces which work for teachers, pupils, and the wider community. The schools are designed to meet the needs of the curriculum now and in the future by providing facilities for digital and outdoor learning, as well as specialist classrooms and social spaces. Environmental sustainability is another key driver within the programme.

Our biggest current project is the Barry Secondary Learning Communities worth £86.6million. One refurbishment and two new secondary schools will be delivered across Barry. These are Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg, Whitmore High School, and Pencoedtre High School.

The programme aims to provide long-term social and economic benefits to schools and the wider community. Once the schools are built, pupils and the community will be able to access high quality green spaces, recreational and per-

formance facilities, and meeting rooms, but throughout the design and construction process our appointed contractors are also required to deliver on a range of community benefits targets.

Targets include using Welsh supply chains, supporting small local businesses, and offering opportunities for new entrants to gain skills and experience in construction through apprenticeships.

School engagements is another key area, particularly the promotion of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) through site visits and the construction ambassador programme. The wider community is also supported as local groups can apply for in-kind donations and volunteering time on projects.

If you are involved in a project, organisation, or social enterprise operating within the Vale of Glamorgan which improves outcomes for people, the environment, and/or the local economy then you could apply for help from our community benefits. Free support is available between January 2019 – 2022 for in-kind donations and volunteer time on projects. To find out more and download an application form, visit [www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/21st-Century-Schools](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/21st-Century-Schools). If you have a query about the programme, email [21stcenturyschools@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:21stcenturyschools@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk) or 01446 709828.

## Pencoedtre High School – Bouygues UK

Bouygues UK will start work on the new £34.7 million build for Pencoedtre High School in spring 2020. Pupils and staff can look forward to the creation of a modern three-storey school building as well as brilliant sporting facilities, including a four-court sports hall, all-weather hockey floodlit pitch and grass rugby and football pitches. There will also be extra performance spaces for creative pursuits like theatre and dance. Bouygues UK has previously built the new Llantwit Learning Community and the multi-award-winning Penarth Learning Community in the Vale of Glamorgan.

The new mixed gender school, catering for 1,100 pupils aged between 11 and 18 is expected to be open by October 2021. It will provide pupils and teachers with more space and better sporting facilities for the pupils.

Planning permission for the new school was granted in December 2019 and Bouygues UK will start to build the new school on the existing school site in the next few months. The company en-

gaged with pupils from the school on how the new building will look, including by utilising VR technology to provide a virtual tour, as well as site safety while it's being built.

Mike Baynam, Construction Director at Bouygues UK, said: "We are really pleased to be building Pencoedtre High School and to be part of the changing face of education within the Vale of Glamorgan. This is very exciting project, which will provide Barry's community with a bright, modern and spacious school where pupils can thrive in all aspects of school life."

Bouygues UK is as committed to the local community as it is to the school project. Last spring staff from Bouygues UK's Pencoedtre school project took part in a litter pick on Barry Island, and delivered Christmas hampers to veterans living in the Vale of Glamorgan. Work with the local community will continue throughout the project and Bouygues UK is also keen to engage with Pencoedtre parents about the changes at the school.



Mae Rhaglen Ysgolion yr 21ain Ganrif yn fuddsoddiad hir dymor mewn cyfleusterau addysg ledled Cymru. Mae'n broiect ar y cyd rhwng Llywodraeth Cymru, Cymdeithas Llywodraeth Leol Cymru, awdurdodau lleol, colegau ac awdurdodau esgobaethol.

Bydd dros £135 miliwn yn cael ei fuddsoddi mewn ysgolion cynradd ac uwchradd ledled Bro Morgannwg rhwng Ebrill 2019 a Mawrth 2024.

Nod ein rhaglen yw creu gofod dysgu gwell ar gyfer yr 21ain ganrif sy'n gweithio ar gyfer athrawon, disgyblion a'r gymuned ehangach. Dylunir yr ysgolion i ddiwallu anghenion y cwricwlwm nawr ac yn y dyfodol, drwy gyfleusterau dysgu digidol ac awyr agored, yn ogystal ag ystafelloedd dysgu arbenigol a mannau cymdeithasol. Mae cynnaladwydd amgylcheddol hefyd yn un o agweddau pwysicaf y rhaglen.

Ein project mwyaf ar hyn o bryd yw Cymunedau Dysgu Uwchradd y Barri, project sy'n werth £86.6 miliwn. Bydd un ysgol yn cael i hailwampio a dwy ysgol newydd yn cael eu hadeiladu yn y Barri. Yr ysgolion yw Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg, Ysgol Uwchradd Whitmore ac Ysgol Uwchradd Pencoedtre.

Nod y rhaglen yw creu buddion cymdeithasol ac economaidd hir dymor i ysgolion a'r gymuned ehangach. Gynted ag y bydd yr ysgolion wedi eu hadeiladu, bydd disgyblion a'r gymuned yn gallu defnyddio mannau gwyrdd o ansawdd uchel, cyfleusterau hamdden a pherfformio ac ystafel

loedd cyfarfod, ond drwy'r broses dylunio ac adeiladu mae gofyn hefyd i'r contractwr a benodir gennym gyrraedd ystod o dargedau o ran buddion i'r gymuned.

Mae'r targedau'n cynnwys defnyddio cadwyni cyflenwi o Gymru, cefnogi busnesau lleol bach a chynig cyfle i bobl sy'n newydd i'r diwydiant ennill sgiliau a phrofiad adeiladu drwy brentisiaethau.

Mae ymgysylltu ag ysgolion hefyd yn rhan bwysig o'r broses dylunio ac adeiladu, drwy hybu STEM (gwyddoniaeth, technoleg, peirianteg a mathemateg) drwy ymweliadau â safleoedd a'r rhaglen cenhaden adeiladu. Cynigir cefnogaeth hefyd i grwpiau lleol drwy eu galluogi i wneud cais am gyfraniadau ar ffurf nwyddau a chyfrannu amser gwirfoddoli at broiectau.

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## Ysgol Uwchradd Pencoedtre – Bouygues UK

Bydd Bouygues UK yn dechrau gwaith ar adeilad newydd, gwerth £34.7 miliwn, Ysgol Uwchradd Pencoedtre yn ystod Gwanwyn 2020. Gall disgyblion a staff edrych ymlaen at ysgol dri llawr gyfoes a chyfleusterau chwaraeon bendigedig, yn cynnwys neuadd chwaraeon pedwar cwrw, cae hoci pob tywydd gyda llifoleuadau a chaeau pêl-droed a rygbi gwair. Bydd mannau perfformio ychwanegol hefyd ar gyfer gweithgareddau creadigol megis theatr aawns. Bouygues UK a adeiladodd Cymuned Ddysgu newydd Llanilltud a Chymuned Ddysgu Penarth, sydd wedi ennill nifer o wobrau, ym Mro Morgannwg.

Bydd yr ysgol newydd ar gyfer bechgyn a merched, gyda lle i 1,100 o ddisgyblion 11 i 18 oed, a disgywylir iddi agor erbyn mis Hydref 2021. Bydd yn cynnig mwy o le i ddisgyblion ac athrawon a gwell cyfleusterau chwaraeon.

Rhodddwyd caniatâd cynllunio i'r ysgol newydd yn Rhagfyr 2019 a bydd Bouygues UK yn dechrau adeiladu'r ysgol newydd ar safle presennol yr ysgol dros y misoedd nesaf. Gwnaeth y cwmni weithio

gyda disgyblion o ran sut bydd yr ysgol newydd yn edrych, gan ddefnyddio technoleg rhithwir i roi taith rithiol iddynt, ac o ran diogelwch tra bo'r ysgol newydd yn cael ei hadeiladu.

Dywedodd Cyfarwyddwr Adeiladu Bouygues UK, Mike Baynam: "Rydyn ni'n hynod falch mai ni sy'n adeiladu Ysgol Uwchradd Pencoedtre ac o fod yn rhan o'r newid mawr sy'n digwydd i addysg ym Mro Morgannwg. Mae hwn yn broiect cyffrous iawn, fydd yn creu ysgol olau, foderndig a digon o le ynddi i'r gymuned, lle gall disgyblion fyfynu ymhob agwedd ar fywyd yr ysgol."

Mae Bouygues UK yn un mor ymroddedig i'r gymuned ag y mae i broiect yr ysgol. Yn ystod y Gwanwyn diwethaf, bu staff o broiect ysgol Pencoedtre Bouygues UK wrthi'n codi sbwriel ar Ynys y Barri, a chyflwyno basgedi Nadolig i gyn-filwyr ym Mro Morgannwg. Bydd gwaith gyda'r gymuned leol yn parhau gydol y project ac mae Bouygues UK hefyd yn awyddus trafod y newidiadau yn yr ysgol gyda rhieni.



# Trawsnewid Addysg Ledled Bro Morgannwg

## Ysgol Bro Morgannwg – ISG

The £21.44 million construction of the new buildings and refurbishment at Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg builds on the strong relationship global construction services company ISG already has with the Vale of Glamorgan council. The project is on the site where ISG previously delivered the pilot Agilis model school, Nant Talwg Primary School.

Work started on site in July 2019, taking advantage of the school being closed for the summer. Due to the complex nature of the project and to ensure the works create minimum disruption to day-to-day lessons, ISG maximise the holiday periods for construction. This strategy has enabled ISG to complete the site setup, demolish old buildings to create space for new buildings and deliver the steel frame for those buildings. The biggest milestone achieved to date has been to complete the construction of the new multi-use games area and biodiversity enhancements. The work is scheduled to be completed by August 2021.

ISG's primary focus whilst delivering the new school buildings is the safety of all

those entering the school site. This includes pupils, staff, visitors, construction traffic and construction personnel. ISG is implementing its new "choose safe, choose health" programme at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg, which aims to harness the collective power of our everyday choices. Going beyond the typical approach to physical safety on sites, this industry-leading programme seeks to provide the tools and conditions necessary to support a culture of empowered people working together towards health and safety every day.

Since ISG started on the project, the project has had wide reaching benefits to the communities around the school. ISG's partnership and collaboration with the Vale of Glamorgan council has allowed it to provide 19 opportunities for people to enter the construction industry including four apprentices. We have delivered over 1,500 STEM engagements to pupils and can boast a workforce and supply chain which is +80% from within Wales.



## Ysgol Bro Morgannwg – ISG

Mae'r project, gwerth £21.44 miliwn, o godi adeiladau newydd ac ailwampio yn Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg yn adeiladu ar y berthynas sydd eisoes yn bodoli rhwng cyngor Bro Morgannwg a'r cwmni gwasanaethau adeiladu byd-eang ISG. Mae'r project ar y safle lle gwnaeth ISG godi ysgol fodel beilot Agilis, Ysgol Gynradd Nant Talwg.

Dechreuodd gwaith ar y safle ym mis Gorffennaf 2019, gan fanteisio ar y ffaith bod yr ysgol ar gau dros yr haf. Oherwydd natur gymhleth y project, ac er mwyn sicrhau bod gwaith yn amharu cyn lleied â phosibl ar wersi, mae ISG yn gwneud cymaint o waith â phosibl yn ystod y gwyliau. Mae'r strategaeth hon wedi galluogi ISG i gwblhau gosod y safle, dymchwel hen adeiladau i greu lle i'r rhai newydd a chodi'r ffram ddur ar gyfer yr adeiladau hynny. Y garreg filltir fwyaf i'w chyrraedd hyd yn hyn yw cwblhau'r ardal gemau aml-ddefnydd a gwelliannau bioamrywiaeth. Disgwylir i'r gwaith gael ei gwblhau erbyn mis Awst 2021.

Ffocws pennaf ISG wrth godi'r adeila

dau newydd yw diogelwch pawb sydd ar safle'r ysgol. Mae hyn yn cynnwys disgyblion, staff, ymwelwyr, traffig adeiladu a phersonél adeiladu. Mae ISG yn gweithredu eu rhaglen, "dewis diogel, dewis iach" yn Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg, gyda'r nod o harneisio pŵer y dewisiadau a wnawn bob dydd. Mae'r rhaglen hon yn mynd y tu hwnt i'r dulliau traddodiadol o sicrhau diogelwch ar safleoedd, ac mae'n torri tir newydd yn y diwydiant drwy ddarparu'r hyn sydd ei angen i greu diwylliant o bobl wedi eu hymrymuso ac sy'n cydweithio ar iechyd a diogelwch pob dydd.

Ers i ISG ddechrau ar y project, mae buddion eang wedi eu creu i'r cymunedau ger yr ysgol. Mae partneriaeth ISG â chynghor Bro Morgannwg, a'r cydweithio rhyngddydd nhw, wedi creu cyfle i 19 o bobl ymuno â'r diwydiant adeiladu, gan gynnwys pedair prentisiaeth. Ryddm wedi creu 1,500 o gyfleoedd STEM i ddisgyblion, ac mae'n dda gennym ddweud bod dros 80% o'n gweithlu a'n cadwyn gyflenwi yn dod o Gymru.

## Whitmore High School – Morgan Sindall Construction

Works commenced in September 2019 on the new £30 million Whitmore High School in Barry. Morgan Sindall Construction is delivering the new three-storey school, 3G pitch, full size and junior grass sports pitches along with all-weather Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). Morgan Sindall Construction has a long-standing track record for successfully delivering schools in South Wales.

The school will cater for 900 pupils aged 11-16 and 200 pupils in the Sixth Form. The design has progressed following long consultations with staff and pupils so that the educational needs and experiences can be maximised through the new build school and facilities. Excellent progress has been made through the worst of winters and Morgan Sindall Construction are currently erecting steelwork with the roof and external

walls starting in spring 2020.

Steve Langford, Project Director at Morgan Sindall Construction, said: "It has been a pleasure to meet the staff and pupils in Whitmore over the past 12 months. The enthusiasm for the new build is amazing to see. The site team is excited to deliver this amazing facility for the pupils, staff and community of Barry."

Morgan Sindall Construction has already embedded itself in the school and community, installing a new fitness facility in the existing school, new combination rugby and football posts, and creating a sixth form team that will take part in a national STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) programme. Over the Christmas period they delivered hampers to the local New Horizons Community Centre and Rondon House.



## Ysgol Uwchradd Whitmore – Morgan Sindall Construction

Dechreuodd gwaith ym Medi 2019 ar Ysgol Uwchradd newydd Whitmore yn y Barri, project gwerth £30 miliwn. Morgan Sindall Construction sy'n codi'r ysgol dri llawr newydd, gyda chae chwarae 3G, caeau chwaraeon maint llawn a llai ac Ardal Gemau Aml Ddefnydd (AGADd). Mae gan Morgan Sindall Construction hanes hir o adeiladau ysgolion yn llwyddiannus yn ne Cymru.

Bydd lle yn yr ysgol ar gyfer 900 o ddisgyblion oed 11-16 a 200 o ddisgyblion yn y Chwched Dosbarth. Mae'r dyluniad wedi ei wneud yn sgil ymgynghori hir gyda staff a disgyblion er mwyn i'r ysgol newydd a'i chyfleusterau ddiwallu anghenion addysgol gymaint â phosibl. Mae cynnydd gwych wedi ei wneud yn ystod gaeaf garw ac mae Morgan Sindall Construction ar hyn o bryd yn codi'r rhannau dur, gyda gwaith at y to a'r waliau allanol yn dechrau yn ystod Gwanwyn 2020.

Dywedodd Cyfarwyddwr y Project gyda Morgan Sindall Construction: "Mae cwrdd â'r disgyblion a'r staff yn Ysgol Uwchradd Whitmore dros y 12 mis diwethaf wedi bod yn bleser. Mae'n anhygoel gweld cymaint o frwdfrydedd dros yr adeilad newydd. Mae'r tîm wedi eu cyffroi'n lân o fod ynghlwm wrth y cyfleuster gwych hwn i ddisgyblion a staff yr ysgol a chymuned Y Barri."

Mae Morgan Sindall Construction eisoes wedi eu gwneud eu hunain yn rhan fawr o'r ysgol a'r gymuned, yn gosod cyfleuster ffirwydd newydd yn yr ysgol bresennol, ynghyd â physt rygbi a phêl-droed cyfunol, ac wrth greu tîm chwched dosbarth fydd yn cymryd rhan mewn rhaglen STEM (gwyddoniaeth, technoleg, peirianeg a mathemateg). Dros gyfnod y Nadolig, fe gyflwynon nhw basgedi i Ganolfan Gymunedol New Horizons a Rondon House.



# Nature group gives town's gardens a helping hand



**VOLUNTEERS from Barry Action for Nature braved the cold, damp January weather to plant fruit trees and install nest boxes at the Parade Gardens in Barry with the approval of the Vale of Glamorgan Council.**

Spokesperson Claire Curtis said: "We carried out a survey of the parks of Barry in 2019, and the Parade Gardens was one highlighted as needing a helping hand for Nature. We therefore decided to

plant some fruit trees to complement the mature trees, which will eventually provide berries and fruit for birds. We also erected nest boxes in some of the larger trees, ready for nesting season."

Some of the fruit trees were purchased with funds donated by local business Green Housekeeping Ltd. Director Kirsty Hosking said: "Instead of sending Christmas cards and gifts in 2019, we decided to donate the funds to this local group and we would like to thank our loyal customers for making it

possible for us to help our local community."

Kirsty, family and colleagues came along to help with the tree planting and putting up the nest boxes, along with Vale AM Jane Hutt. Claire Curtis added: "We are very grateful to Green Housekeeping Ltd for both donating and volunteering with Barry Action for Nature. We used the last of our grant from Barry Town Council to purchase further fruit trees, and we would like to again thank them for their support."





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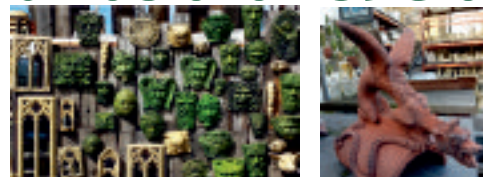
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## Ramblers hang out in Stella's hometown

**PENARTH and District Ramblers travelled to Ferndale to be greeted with sunshine, blue skies and not a hint of wind for their latest outing.**

They set off through Darran Park before climbing up to the Ferndale Windfarm and making their way along the ridge at Cefn y Rhondda.

A rough trek across scarred moorland led to a conifer plantation and a slippery descent to Castell Nos reservoir.

A climb soon led them back into sunshine and, stopping on the hillside above Maerdy which was full of commemorative crosses and shrines.

Churned up paths on Mynydd y Ffaldau led to them locating a forestry track with a view over Cwmaman and views of the central Brecon Beacons to the north, before heading along a deforested wide track at Craig y Gilwern.

Just to the north of this lies a huge Roman marching camp, built in the 1st century AD at Twyn-y-Briddalt, constructed temporarily on a prominent ridge with supporting rampart

and ditch to defend the Roman Army during their overnight stay.

Descending steps to Blaenllechau and crossing the river, they made their way through Sky TV's fictitious 'Pontyberry', where the long running series *Stella* was filmed starring co-writer Ruth Jones, better known to all as Nessa from *Gavin and Stacey*.

Then returning to their start point they passed a lovely mini model of Ferndale created by local schoolchildren prior to the homeward journey.

On February 1, a six-mile moderate walk taking in Monmouth and King's Wood will leave Cogan Leisure Centre at 9am; call Su G on 07954 139 946.

On February 4, a nine-mile moderate walk, taking in Twmbarlwm and Mynydd Machen will leave Cogan at 9.30am; call Alison on 07717 820 012.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drink. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the leader for advice. For up to date information visit [www.penarthramblers.com](http://www.penarthramblers.com).

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# AMs vote to criminalise parents smacking their children

**MEMBERS of the Welsh Assembly have endorsed the Welsh Government's bill to criminalise parental smacking during a debate on the proposal, rejecting sensible amendments to mitigate its effects.**

The final Stage 4 debate on the bill took place on Tuesday, January 28, when it passed and went on to achieve Royal Assent. Spokeswoman for the Be Reasonable Wales campaign Dr Ashley Frawley commented: "It's truly sad that AMs have backed this legislation which will open the door to normal, loving parents being investigated by the police, cautioned and even convicted for actions that are a perfectly normal, and harmless part of family life.

"This bill isn't about giving children additional protections. The law as it stands protects children from violence and abuse at the hands of a parent or carer. This is ideologically driven.

"It represents the views of a minority of self-styled 'parenting experts' who don't like smacking, and feel that thousands of decent, loving parents across Wales should be forced to adopt their style of parenting.

"The Welsh Government itself admits that reasonable chastisement is not harmful to children. The explanatory notes on the smacking bill state that there is 'no definitive evidence that reasonable physical punishment causes negative outcomes for children'. So it's hard to see how they can justify a law which will criminalise parents for such actions."

Dr Frawley continued: "It's not just Welsh parents who will be affected, the law will apply to any parent residing in Wales. What will happen to EU nationals, or migrants from outside Europe who smack their child and are reported to the police? Being charged with a smacking offence could jeopardise their bid for citizenship. Welsh policy makers have not thought this through.

During the evening's debate, AMs discussed and voted on 11 amendments by Welsh Conservative AM Janet Finch Saunders to mitigate the effects of the bill.

Ms Finch Saunders' amendments would have: placed a duty on the Government to promote public awareness of the smacking ban in specific contexts; reported frequently on the impact of the legislation; required the Government to give sufficient funding to local authorities and public bodies; and delayed implementation of the new law until an out-of-court 'diversion scheme' is in place.

All of the amendments Ms Finch Saunders tabled were rejected apart from two relating to reporting on the effects of the law.

During the debate, several AMs, including Ms Finch Saunders, spoke out against the change in the law.

Ms Finch Saunders said the feedback AMs on the Children, Young People and Education Committee received on the bill during scrutiny had been "overwhelmingly negative". "The committee consultation showed that two thirds of respondents do not support the ban."

She raised concerns over the impact the ban will have on social services departments in Wales: "...the deputy minister admitted to the committee that she is still unable to produce a complete estimate for referrals for reasonable chastisement at an all-Wales level... I am still cautious about the effect the bill could have on already low budgets".

Fellow Welsh Conservative Darren Millar AM stressed that the Welsh public are massively opposed to the bill, saying that polls consistently find more than two thirds opposition; while Mark Isherwood AM accused AMs of being out-of-touch, saying AMs in the 'Cardiff Bay bubble' are failing to listen to the public on this issue.

Speaking as a grandparent, granduncle and father, he said he is personally concerned at the 'snooper's charter' a smacking ban will introduce. Mr Isherwood also mentioned polling by this campaign which found that seven in 10 Welsh councillors are opposed to a smacking ban, and nine in 10 do not feel that their local authority has the resources to cope.

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# Gavin & Stacey festive return smashes records



**MILLIONS of people tuned in to watch the Gavin & Stacey Christmas special, making it the BBC's biggest ever TV show, it has been revealed.**

Some 18.5 million people witnessed the show's highly-anticipated return on Christmas Day with it becoming the BBC's biggest programme outside of sporting and national events since records began in 2002.

It has also been revealed that the show is the biggest single episode of any comedy across all channels since 2002.

Of the 18.5 million individuals who tuned in to see the Shipmans and Wests reunite, 4.9 million were aged between 16 and 34.

James Corden and Ruth Jones, who both write and star in the show, said: "It's mind blowing that so many people watched our show – we still can't get our heads round it, what a massive compliment. We are indebted to the BBC for their

incredible support but most importantly to those 18.5 million viewers for watching. We just hope one day we can let them know what Smithy said next..."

Charlotte Moore, Director BBC Content, added: "These incredible viewing figures demonstrate the power of British comedy and the love for Gavin and Stacey. I want to thank James and Ruth for this gem and like everyone I'm longing to find out what happens next!"

Shane Allen, Controller Comedy Commissioning, said: "I'm delighted for Ruth and James that their terrific comic creation is more adored than ever. BBC One really does bring the nation together, and these figures are testament to iPlayer's role in bringing our hit shows to new generations of fans."

The Gavin & Stacey Christmas special knocked Only Fools and Horses off of the top spot as being the biggest single episode of any comedy TV programme.

## A question of sport for former student Jason Mohammad



Jason Mohammad and Sol Bamba with some of the college's students.

**TV and radio broadcaster Jason Mohammad has joined forces with Cardiff and Vale College to provide young people with a taste of what life is like in the world of journalism and creative media production.**

In just five days, 100 handpicked learners from across the College's netball, rugby, football and cricket academies, and from its creative media course and Cardiff City FC Futsal programme, will be given the opportunity to experience being face to face with the media, setting them up for either a career in professional sport or in the broadcast industry. From how to deal with pressurised interviews and hints on how to give the perfect answer, to developing and creating their own podcast, CAVC's learners will benefit from the broadcaster and CAVC alumnus' years of experience in the industry. They will also be joined by stars from the world of professional rugby and football including Cardiff City FC's Sol Bamba and players from Cardiff Blues who will also impart some of their knowledge and advice.

The brains behind the project, Jason

Mohammad, said: "I'm really excited to be working with Cardiff and Vale College and its learners on this project. It's always been a passion of mine to help young people develop the skills they need to work in such a competitive industry and as a CAVC alumnus, it's particularly pleasing for me to be able to work with this group of talented individuals."

"My dream of working in TV and radio started at Coleg Glan Hafren when doing my media studies A-Level back in 1990, so to go back to my old college to talk about my career is just so wonderful. I want to inspire the next generation of learners from Wales and all over the UK – that with hard work and dedication they can achieve great things in any industry."

Kay Martin, principal of Cardiff and Vale College, said: "We're honoured to be welcoming Jason back to CAVC and to have him invest so much time with our learners. This type of 'money can't buy experience' adds so much value to their education and will be of particular benefit to those individuals that go on to play their sport at a professional level and for their country."

# Miners Pension Compensation



**We are successfully claiming compensation for former Welsh miners who transferred out of the Mineworkers Pension Scheme.**

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### Example 2 - £87,000

Mr G. from **SWANSEA** was in the **ARMED FORCES**. In 1989 he was persuaded by a sales agent of **SCOTTISH AMICABLE** (now the Prudential) to transfer his Army Pension to them. He was promised a better pension. His pension was actually much less than the Army Pension. Compensation £38,724.

### Example 1 - £87,000

Mr C. from **RISCA** worked at **CWM**. After the pit closed in 1986 he was advised by an agent of the **PRUDENTIAL** to transfer out of the miners pension. When he retired he noticed his pension wasn't as much as his friends who stayed in the miners scheme. Compensation £87,649.

### Example 2 - £48,000

Mr W. from **PONTYPRIDD** worked at **MERTHYR VALE**. After the pit closed in 1989 he was advised by an independent financial advisor to transfer his miners pension to **SCOTTISH LIFE** (now Royal London). Even though the financial advisors were no longer in business he received compensation of £48,000.

### Example 3 - £103,000

Mr J. from **CAERPHILLY** worked at **PENALTA**. After the pit closed in 1991 he was advised by a sales agent of the **PRUDENTIAL** to transfer out of the miners pension. This was not good advice, he lost out as a result. Compensation - £103,759.

### Example 4 - £112,000

Mr H. from **PORTH** worked at **ABERCYNON**. After the pit closed in 1988 he was advised by an agent of **PEARL ASSURANCE** (now Phoenix Life) to transfer his miners pension to them. He noticed his pension wasn't as much as his friends who stayed in the British Coal Scheme. Compensation - £112,638.

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# Plans for revamp of towns is a 'sticking plaster, not a solution'

**COMMENTING on the news that the Welsh Government is to invest millions of pounds into struggling towns, Mark Isherwood AM/AC said:**

"It's just a few weeks after I outlined the Welsh Conservatives' vision for rejuvenating coastal and rural towns, and what I have seen in the reports about the Welsh Labour Government's plan is a sticking plaster, not a solution.

"In the Welsh Conservative Debate on Community Regeneration on January 8, I expressed concern at the lack of progress in addressing poverty in Wales, highlighting that five of the 10 most deprived areas in Wales are located within towns, including Rhyl, Merthyr Tydfil and Wrexham."

He added that the Welsh Conservatives' motion proposes that the Senedd '...acknowledges the particular challenges faced by seaside and market towns with higher retail vacancy rates and higher levels of deprivation than in other parts of Wales, and called upon the Welsh Government to establish 'Seaside Town and Market Town Funds' to support regeneration in communities across Wales.

"As FSB Cymru has argued, towns are fundamental to the way that Wales works, with small towns in Wales accounting for almost 40 per cent of the whole population of the country – and we need a new approach for our high streets... struggling under the weight of a number of issues, and we have now reached a critical time for these businesses".

"A Welsh Conservative Government would therefore establish a Seaside Town Fund and a Market Town Fund to help regenerate Wales' local communities, with £200 million to be invested in our local areas over a five-year term. These funds, which would enable communities to decide how the fund is to be invested within their local area, will help to support vital local services and businesses, and emphasise the Welsh Conservatives' commitment to 'levelling-up' investment across Wales and restoring Welsh towns and communities.

"The Welsh Retail Consortium notes Wales has the highest non-domestic rates multiplier in Britain and a higher empty shop rate than in any other part of the UK.

"While Labour only provides 100% rate relief for retail properties up to a rateable value of

£9,100, a Welsh Conservative Government would extend this to £15,000.

"Welsh Conservatives also proposed that the Senedd '...regrets the failure of the Welsh Government's Communities First programme to tackle poverty in the most deprived communities of Wales', and '...recognises the need to deliver, in practice, a co-productive approach to community regeneration, with community involvement in co-designing and co-delivery of local services'."

Mr Isherwood said: "Eight years ago the Welsh Government rejected the WCVA and CREW (Centre for Regeneration Excellence Wales) report Communities First a Way Forward, which found that community involvement in co-designing and co-delivering local services should be central to any successor tackling poverty programme.

"Five years later, and after spending half a billion pounds on it, the Welsh Government announced that it was phasing out Communities First, having failed to reduce the headline rates of poverty or increase relative prosperity in Wales."

Noting that Wales has had Labour Welsh Government for almost 21 years, Mr Isherwood referred to the fact that the Joseph Rowntree report on UK poverty published in December 2018 stated that "...of the four countries of the UK, Wales has consistently had the highest poverty rate for the past 20 years".

Two months previously, a Bevan Foundation State of Wales Briefing found that "...the relative income poverty rate in Wales was higher than that in England, Northern Ireland, and Scotland; the proportion of working age adults in poverty in Wales was higher than in any other UK nation, and the pensioner poverty rate in Wales was far higher than in the other UK nations."

Mr Isherwood noted that last May, the End Child Poverty Network reported that Wales was the only UK nation to see a rise in child poverty – to 29 percent – since the previous year.

He added: "All mainstream political parties want to tackle poverty. Labour claims that 'only the state can guarantee fairness'. Their centralised, top down approach means well, but fails badly.

"As evidence repeatedly confirms, embracing the co-producing revolution in our towns and communities trumps 'top-down' approaches towards community engagement any day."

# Hike in police's share of council tax imminent

**THE money residents pay to the police in south Wales is likely to rise by between 5% and nearly 8% next year.**

The potential South Wales Police precept rises have been laid out in a report from police and crime commissioner Alun Michael set to be considered by the police and crime panel in Merthyr Tydfil today (January 30).

The exact rise will not be known until the force has received confirmation of police grant funding for 2020/21 from the Home Office which is likely to come before the meeting, so a firm proposal should be made by the commissioner at the meeting itself.

The General Election in December delayed the announcement of the grant for 2020/21 so final approval cannot be given until it is known. The commissioner's report said that the likely range of precept increases has been calculated by looking at the impact on resources and the cost pressures that the Police face.

Last year, a 10% precept increase to £257.52 was implemented, despite not enough members of the panel voting in favour of it. The report shows that next year's increase will depend on whether there is allowance made in the police grant for inflation. If this is the case, the rise is likely to be 5% but if not, it is likely to be just under 8% (7.85%).

The force is planning to make £1.25 million of savings for 2020/21 which will come from increased collaboration, procurement, transport, income generation and fleet management.

These will mean that the force has cut its budget by £60 million since 2010 due to funding from UK Government decreasing by a third in that time.

The largest area of spending for South Wales Police is on staffing which accounts for about 80% of the budget and successive years of budget cuts have meant a reduction of 432 police officers.

Based on a flat cash settlement and precept increase of 5%, this is the force's projected spending for next year which would leave a



£4.9 million budget gap before any extra efficiency savings are included: £280.5 million on employees; £3.5 million on direct staff; £11.3 million on premises; £5 million on transport; £23 million on supplies and services; £17.5 million on agency and contracted services; £12.9 million on capital financing costs. Once income and specific grants are taken into account, this means a total spend of £303.5 million for next year. When external grants and a 5% precept increase are factored in, it takes it down to £298.6 million, leaving a remaining budget gap of almost £5 million.

The budget on proposed capital schemes for 2020/21 is over £48 million and the estates scheme budget is over £39 million, which includes a tactical firearms range and a new learning and development centre at its headquarters in Bridgend.

The capital budget also includes £1.95 million for information and communication technology (ICT) and just over £2 million for the vehicle replacement programme.

The police consults on its budget proposals each year and this year, South Wales Police received more than 1,000 responses to its consultation with 766 (73%) saying they are willing to pay more for their policing which the report indicated that the public realise the risk around decreasing funding for policing.

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# Rugby star 'thrilled' to become ambassador at Oil 4 Wales

**WELSH international rugby star Rhys Webb is set to become an ambassador for Oil 4 Wales when he makes his return to the Ospreys this year.**

The scrum half, who played for the British and Irish Lions in 2017, has been appointed to the role at the oil distributor to coincide with his return to Welsh rugby. The 31-year-old confirmed that he will be returning to play for his former side from next season,

after being released from his contract with French side Toulon.

On his return the player will join a host of iconic Welsh rugby stars who support the Oil 4 Wales brand, including Rob Evans, Gareth Davies, Dan Lydiate, Ken Owens, Samson Lee, Dan Biggar, Scott Quinnell, Scott Williams, Jonathan Davies, Robin McBride, and Neil Jenkins, and recently appointed ambassadors Aaron Shingler and Sampson Lee.

Mr Webb said: "I am thrilled to be

returning to Wales to play for the Ospreys from next season, and look forward to again playing for the region which has been so instrumental to my success.

"Along with my return to Welsh rugby, I also wanted to give back to the fans and Welsh people who have been endlessly supportive of me over the years, while I have played both at home and overseas. I was delighted to take up the role of ambassador with Oil 4 Wales, which offers unrivalled support to community projects, local charitable initiatives, and schools, which really sets them apart."

In his new role the returning Osprey will be supporting the brand, which supplies homes, businesses, commercial premises, agricultural and retail customers, at charitable and local farming events.



# New homes to be heated and powered from clean energy sources

**ASSEMBLY member Huw Irranca-Davies is backing ambitious new proposals set out by the Welsh Labour Government which would lead to all new homes in Ogmore and across Wales being heated and powered only from clean energy sources from 2025.**

This is part of wider Welsh Government plans to address the climate emergency it declared last year.

The proposals include: Improved energy efficiency from 2020 which will lead to a 37% reduction in CO2 from new dwellings, compared with current standards, and save homeowners £180 a year on energy bills (based on a semi-detached home). In addition, all new homes will need to be future-proofed, to make it easier to retrofit low carbon heating systems.

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When the new building standards are implemented in full in 2025, homes should produce 75-80% less CO2 emissions than ones built to current requirements.

Ogmore AM Huw Irranca-Davies said: "This is welcomed news from the Welsh Government that will help tackle climate change and help to keep down household energy costs now and in the future. The climate crisis is the biggest challenge of our time and housing is a key contributor to it, as new and existing homes currently account for 9% of Welsh greenhouse gas emissions."

"If we are to tackle the climate crisis and meet the ambitious target set by the Welsh Labour Government to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 95% by 2050, we need to take action now!"

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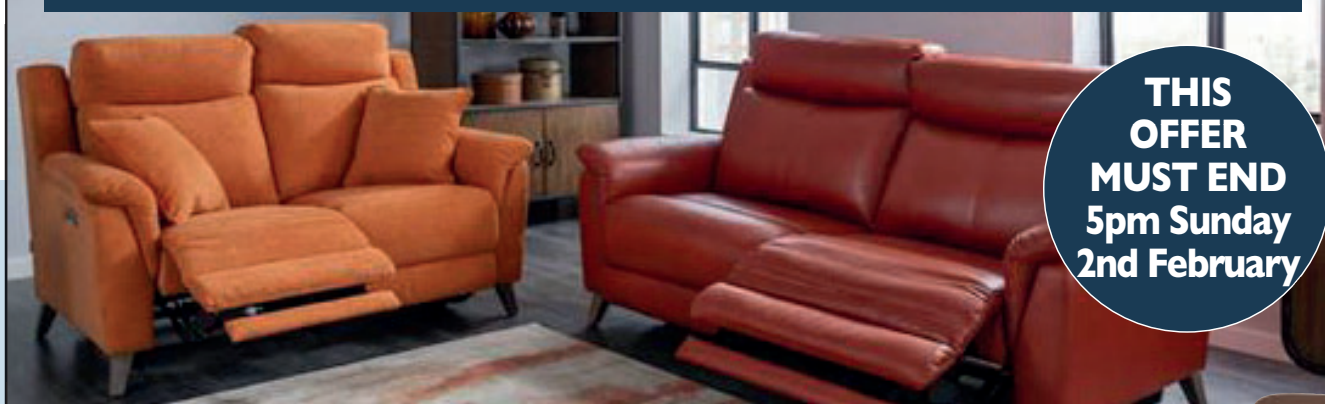
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# Out & About with The GEM

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This fun event encourages children to explore the zoo, ride on the vintage funfair and visit the farm animals in the Jolly Barn, with hot lunch provided. It's a great way for families to take a break, and meet others in a similar situation, in a safe and secure environment.

Representatives from Guide Dogs' children's services teams will be on hand to offer support and discuss any areas of concern a family may



have about their child's vision impairment.

Parents say being with Guide Dogs staff at a family event is like having a weight taken off their shoulders. It is a joy for them to sit back with other parents, watch their children shriek with excitement and hear them belly laugh.

Children with a vision impairment plus one parent or guardian can attend free, while immediate family members pay £5. Places are limited, so ring 0118 983 8318 or email [familyevents@guidedogs.org.uk](mailto:familyevents@guidedogs.org.uk) for a booking form.

Ian Coxon, Guide Dogs Cymru

## Chat to your local police at PACT meetings

**Barry** College (next to the food hall) on Thursday, January 30 between 5.30pm and 6.30pm. If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life but are unable to attend a meeting, contact 101 for non emergencies or log onto: [www.south-wales.police.uk](http://www.south-wales.police.uk) to find contact details for your local PCSO to contact them directly for non emergency matters.

A Deaf PACT meeting will be held on Monday, February 24 between 6pm and 7.30pm at the Emergency Services Centre, Barry Fire Station Barry.

Dyfan PACT will be held at the Barry Fire Station, Port Road West, Barry on Monday, March 2 at 7pm at Barry Fire Station.

**Penarth** CUPPA with a copper will be held at Penarth Library on Thursday, January 30 at 1.30pm.

**Vale** A POLICE surgery will be held at Altantic

**Bridgend** GARW PACT public meeting/drop in meetings will be held at the Men's Shed, Blaengarw Rugby Club, Pontycymmer on Wednesday, February 19 at 10am.

Blackmill PACT public meeting will be held at Blackmill Community centre on Monday, March 23 at 6.30pm.

## Events in your area

**Horse Racing Night**

A FUN-filled night of horse racing on film takes place at Coytrahe Community Centre on Friday, January 31, commencing at 7.30pm.

The evening includes a couple of games of novelty bingo and a licensed bar; free entry. Proceeds towards the upkeep the village community centre.

**Barry War Museum**

THE Barry at War Group, which manages the Barry War Museum, will host a three-way talk at Barry

Island railway station on Thursday, January 30 at 7pm.

'The evolution of the American combat helmet 1917-2000' by Ian Phillips; 'The Bevin Boys' by Jackie Swift and 'Billy Butlin, Barry Island and World War One' by Rosemary Chaloner.

Each talk will be illustrated with original artefacts and/or audio-visual displays and will run for 30 minutes. Light refreshments will be available.

**Enfys Craft Fair**

A CRAFT fair takes place on Saturday, February 1 from 10am-4pm at St

Ffransis Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry CF62 6SH.

The charity raffle will be for Cats Protection in Bridgend. Marie Curie daffodils will also be sold. For more information, contact Reg on 01446 792149 or Patricia on 01656 880784.

**Coffee morning**

CADOXTON Bowls Club coffee morning is being held at the pavilion in Victoria Park on Monday, February 3 from 10.30am; all welcome.



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## Cardiff Airport celebrates a decade of fundraising and a new charity partnership

**CARDIFF Airport is celebrating 10 years of fundraising, and looking forward to a new year with an exciting new charity partnership.**

Over the past ten years, Cardiff Airport has raised over £200,000 to support a number of charities and community clubs close to the hearts of the airport team, including the RNLI, Welsh Wizards squash team, Marie Curie, Tŷ Hafan and JDRC, the type 1 diabetes charity.

The team has supported charity collections in the terminal, taken part in hiking challenges, hosted lost property raffles and karaoke nights, among many other fun and adventurous activities.

In 2019, £11,684.32 was raised by various events such as the Welsh Three Peaks challenge, sponsored bike rides and bucket

collections. In November, Cardiff Airport announced their first Charity of the Year, Velindre Cancer Centre, following an airport-wide vote and will work with Velindre to identify fundraising opportunities and organise events. Its first event of the year will be 'Wear Red for Wales & Velindre' on January 31, where the team will dress in red and take part in a bake-off.

Events in the pipeline include the Cardiff Bay 10k, the Cardiff Triathlon, and even a five-day Great Wall of China trek in May. Lisa Morgan of the charity committee said: "The team are excited to kick off the New Year with a charity partnership with Velindre, and we cannot wait to get going. Watch this space!"

Miranda Burdett, regional fundraiser for JDRC, the type 1 diabetes charity,

added: "We have been lucky enough to benefit from Cardiff Airport's Charity Podz fundraising campaign since 2017 and have received over £3,000 in donations from passengers. Approximately 18,000 people in Wales are living with type 1 diabetes including staff at the airport. Cardiff Airport have given us a wonderful platform to raise awareness and funds, to keep improving lives until we find the cure."

Andrew Morris head of fundraising at Velindre Cancer Centre, said: "We are absolutely delighted to have been chosen as Cardiff Airport's charity of the year and cannot thank the team enough for their support."

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Philippa Hopkins, spokesperson for CCS said: "Our first year would have been impossible without such a dynamic and passionate team, and as we have had so much interest

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## Care home is helping volunteers learn new skills

**STUDENTS and members of the community are learning valuable new skills and gaining workplace experience at a local care home, in exchange for working with staff and residents.**

Tŷ Llandaff, a private nursing, residential and respite care home in Conway Road, has recently welcomed three volunteers, each with different reasons for wanting to volunteer in the care sector, and each with their own personal objectives.

Tŷ Llandaff activities coordinator Melanie Geoghegan and staff have been working with the volunteers to make sure they gain skills in the specific areas that they want to develop, while fulfilling vital roles within the care home team, and helping with activities and ongoing intergenerational projects.

One of the volunteers, Manon Clarke, 16, is a student who is looking to become a doctor in the future. Manon said: "By volunteering at Tŷ Llandaff I am developing some of the skills which are essential for a career in medicine, while getting the valuable opportunity to interact with the residents and make a connection with them. I feel like I am gaining a whole new perspective."

Another volunteer, Sophie Douglas, is still at school and took her inspiration to start volunteering from her love of sport and dance, and a desire to help the elderly feel loved. She said: "I wanted to volunteer at the care home because I wanted to make the elderly feel less lonely. My favourite

subject at school is PE and I do a lot of sport in school, so I had the idea I could help with exercise activities at Tŷ Llandaff."

Student Shauna Haynes, 18, is volunteering at Tŷ Llandaff as a work placement as part of her course in Health and Social Care. She has previously worked with the elderly while at college and found it to be rewarding.

Shauna said: "Tŷ Llandaff looked like a lovely place and I've found it really friendly and welcoming here. I enjoy doing activities with the residents and find our conversations really interesting. It's great experience to go with my qualifications."

The volunteers help with a range of different activities at the home including taking residents on outings, getting involved in daily routines and helping to deliver the home's wide and varied activities programme. Tŷ Llandaff service manager Lisa Cristina said: "We are so impressed with the positive, out-going attitude of our young volunteers, and we are grateful to them for giving up their time for our residents. We are more than happy to help them to build valuable workplace skills as well as expertise related to the care sector or any experience they are hoping to gain."

"It's always really beneficial to our residents to have young people at the home as they bring a different perspective and energy, and our intergenerational projects are really important to us at Tŷ Llandaff."

For more information about Tŷ Llandaff call Lisa on 02920 600 100, email [info@tyllandaffcare.com](mailto:info@tyllandaffcare.com) or visit [www.tyllandaffcare.com](http://www.tyllandaffcare.com).





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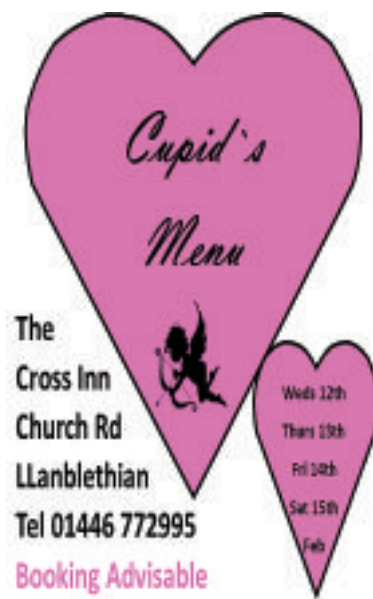


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# Housebuilder supports disabled riding group



**DINAS Powys Riding for the Disabled, a local charity providing horse riding lessons for children with physical, learning and behavioural difficulties, has been selected to receive a £1,000 grant from the Barratt Homes Community Fund.**

The South Wales charity, which is part of the national Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA), is operated entirely independently by volunteers, and Patricia Vincent, treasurer and assistant secretary, has welcomed the support from the housebuilder.

She said: "The benefits of riding are recognised by doctors

and therapists for improving a wide range of medical conditions such as spasticity, balance, posture and confidence, while also offering a degree of independence for our pupils.

"We do not receive any formal funding, so we have to rely totally on fundraising.

"Barratt Homes' generous donation means we can continue to provide our weekly lessons to those who need them."

Steve Williams, Barratt Homes' managing director said: "To help such a worthwhile cause supporting disabled children in the local area is a real honour.

"It's wonderful to know that this donation can help this charity continue their fantastic work."

Dinas Powys Riding for the Disabled sessions take place at Cardiff Riding School in Pontcanna.

Barratt Homes' Community Fund is a dedicated financial resource that helps to support local causes which improve the quality of life for those living in the region.

Organisations can apply for one of the monthly grants by emailing [bdwswcommfund@barratthomes.co.uk](mailto:bdwswcommfund@barratthomes.co.uk) with details of your charity or organisation and how the donation would benefit the local community and improve lives.

*Pictured is Martin Lewis, Barratt Homes land director, presenting a cheque to Patricia Vincent of Dinas Powys Riding for the Disabled.*

# Shedding light on the universe with Cosmology Corner

**I RECENTLY hit on a repeat of a Brian Cox documentary in which he explained how the finite speed of light gives astronomers a window into the very early Universe – almost, but not quite, as far back as the Big Bang itself!**

Hubble Deep Field images show galaxies which are so distant from us, that the light we are now seeing from them has taken 13 billion years to reach us.

We know that the Universe started around 13.8 billion years ago, so these galaxies are among the very first to have emerged as the vast hydrogen and helium clouds created from the Big Bang started to coalesce.

It has long been known that sound has a definite speed.

At a cricket match, spectators notice a delay in seeing the batsman strike the ball and actually hearing the sound of the impact. During a storm, the intense heat generated in a lightning flash (three times hotter than the surface of the Sun) expands the air in its vicinity causing vibrations which we hear as thunder.

If the storm is one mile away, we hear the thunder five seconds after seeing the lightning.

The speed of light, however, is another matter altogether. Right up until almost the end of the 17th century it was believed that light was transmitted instantaneously regardless of distance, ie at an infinite speed.

Pointing his telescope at Jupiter in January 1610, Galileo saw four points of light strung out alongside the planet. Noting that their relative positions changed hour by hour, he concluded that they were large satellite moons orbiting the planet. These 'Galilean moons' have been given the names Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto.

A half century later, the Dutch astronomer Ole Römer was tasked with making detailed measurements of the orbital period of the innermost of these four satellites, Io. Römer, working at the Paris

Observatory, compiled extensive observations of the orbit of Io by timing how long it took to emerge from behind Jupiter after successive eclipses.

Io's orbital period is now known to be 42.5 Earth days, the satellite being eclipsed by Jupiter once every orbit. Römer's initial timings were very consistent as he observed successive orbits, but by timing the eclipses over several years he noticed something peculiar.

He found that when the Earth was on the opposite side of the Sun from Jupiter, ie at its furthest, Io's orbital period was 22 minutes longer than when the Earth had moved in its own orbit to be on the same side of the Sun as Jupiter, at its nearest, some six months later. In a brilliant insight, Römer realised that the time difference must be due to light having a finite speed.

Light from the Jupiter system had to travel further to reach Earth when the two planets were on opposite sides of the Sun than when they were closer together a half year later, when both were on the same side of the Sun. Römer concluded that light requires 22 minutes to cross the diameter of the Earth's orbit.

The Dutch scientist Christiaan Huygens first did the simple arithmetic of dividing the diameter of the Earth's orbit by the time difference of 22 minutes and came up with the value of 131,000 miles per second for the speed of light, 26% lower than the true value of 186,000 miles per second.

The difference was due to errors in Römer's estimate of the maximum time delay (the correct value is 16.7 minutes) and an imprecise knowledge of the Earth's orbital diameter.

Most importantly, however, in 1676, Römer's data gave the first proof that the speed of light was finite, and its first quantitative estimate was in the right ballpark. In later life, Römer served as Copenhagen's mayor and prefect of police, but he is remembered today for being the first person to measure the speed of light.

Norman Lloyd

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# Smacking ban: 'The state should not be telling people how to parent'

**THE message from Janet Finch-Saunders on January 21 on the controversial Smacking Ban Bill was clear: "The state should not be telling people how to parent."**

Mrs Finch-Saunders, the Member for Aberconwy whose shadow ministerial portfolio includes children and young people, outlined a situation where if the Bill is passed, parents and guardians could be subject to arrest and criminal proceedings if accused of smacking to discipline their children.

One of the respondents to the Welsh Conservatives' survey that indicated 79% of respondents were against the ban, a figure higher even than the committee's consultation. It showed that around two-thirds of the respondents did not support the Bill to outlaw reasonable chastisement.

Quoting the respondent to the survey, she said: "There are already laws in place and it is not necessary to seek to criminalise parents. The impact on a child of a parent taken away by police is greater than the impact of a slight smack."

She made the comments during a passionate debate in the Chamber on the Smacking Ban Bill, formally known as Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill.

If passed, it would make it a criminal offence to

smack a child as a form of punishment. Opponents have reasoned that making it a civil offence – such as the smoking ban introduced last year – would be more reasonable.

She continued: "If convicted, parents and families could end up with permanent criminal records, harm to employment chances and potential separation could be the end result."

She argued that there will need to be a continuing public information programme to keep both new parents and visitors to Wales aware of the ban, and others who may witness what they believe to be a breach of it.

She said: "It is essential that the public is provided with information about what they can do if they see something. I think the Deputy Minister's repetition that 'safeguarding is everybody's business' doesn't cut through to the concerns we have. We want to make sure members of the public are confident enough to feel they've correctly judged a particular situation.

"And to 'judge' is the key point here. The Welsh Government is asking everyone to be well-equipped enough to see that an incident would definitely merit police or social service involvement. It would only be after a visit from the police or social services that context can be determined. And by then, the damage could already be done."

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The Farmers' Union of Wales (FUW) Glamorgan team hosted a farmhouse breakfast on January 21 at Cwm Farm Shop, Treorchy, and on January 24 at Cowbridge Lesser Hall. County chairman Richard Walker said: "These breakfast events were a great opportunity to talk and share our thoughts. We started the day together with family, friends and neighbours, in a positive way and raised money for our charitable cause, the DPJ Foundation. I am pleased to say that £400 was raised over the two days!

"Mental health, and the work of the DPJ Foundation, is very important to us. There is a wealth of evidence demonstrating that loneliness and social isolation are significant issues affecting our older population, but it is important to acknowledge that farmers and those working in rural communities work long and unsociable hours, in inhospitable conditions and in failing markets.

"As a result many farmers are susceptible to feeling lonely and isolated, regardless of age or gender and they represent a population at immense risk of poor mental health. I was therefore glad to see so many people coming together over the course of the morning, sharing their thoughts, worries, and concerns. Sitting around the table, drinking tea, eating good food and having a good-old fashioned chat.

"I would like to thank the staff, suppliers of food produce, members, and everyone else who supported the event before, during and after. We couldn't have done it without you."



ABOVE: FUW's own milkman, Lee Pritchard of Carno Dairies with Glamorgan CEO Rachel Saunders.



ABOVE: Jane Hutt AM and Tonia Antoniazzi MP enjoying breakfast in Cowbridge with Gaynor and Eleri who run The Farmer's Pantry.



BELOW: Members enjoying breakfast at Cwm Farm Shop.

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## Probus Club enjoy winter lunch



Club president Alun Daniels and his wife Helen, together with Hugh Morris and his wife, Jean.

**THE Men's Probus Club of Penarth held its annual winter lunch at the Wenvoe Castle Golf Club on January 23.**

Due to the sudden death of a former member and the unavoidable clash with a Service of Remembrance, which many members wished to attend, the lunch was rearranged at short notice. Thanks to both Hugh Morris, our events organiser, for first arranging the lunch and then rearranging it, and to the catering manager of the Golf Club for accommodating the change. Hugh Morris did work tirelessly for our enjoyment and this was much appreciated.

The next meeting of the club will be held on Tuesday, February 18 with a talk by James Sommerin

on 'Generations'. New members are always welcome to join Probus. It is open to both retired and semi-retired men of any age. The meetings are normally held every third Tuesday of the month at the Sports and Social Club, South Road, Sully at 10am for a 10.30am start with guest speakers on varied topics of interest.

Light refreshments are provided and meetings finish before 12pm. There are also occasional visits to places of interest and special lunches at various times of the year.

Anyone interested in joining Probus can contact Gareth Price on 02920 532 793.

## Multi-million pound boost for good causes

**COMMUNITY projects in the Vale of Glamorgan are to share a funding boost as the Co-op welcomes the latest causes to its Local Community Fund.**

The nine projects chosen include Cowbridge (Gateway) Monday Club, SWAM - South Wales Aviation Museum and Llantwit Major Surf Lifesaving Club are to receive funding. Last November, nine causes in the area shared £29,000.

The causes directly benefit from members trading with their Co-op across its food and funeral business areas.

In addition to the personal benefits they receive, one per cent of the purchase value goes into the local community fund pot.

Members can decide how the money is allocated and are encouraged to select the causes they wish to support online.

Nick Crofts, president of the Co-op Council said: "The Co-op is continuing to create value for millions of members and thousands of local causes.

"By becoming a member not only are you receiving personal rewards and benefits, you are directly helping to support vital community groups in your area."

Rebecca Birkbeck, director of community at the Co-op said: "Thanks to our members since 2016 more than £56 million has been raised for over 16,000 causes.

"Whether it is by protecting and improving community spaces, helping people reach their full potential by developing their skills, or promoting health and wellbeing, the money generated by our Local Community Fund changes lives in communities across UK."

## Raising awareness of children and Type 1 Diabetes

**A 'CHILDREN and Type 1 Diabetes Day' is taking place on February 3 to raise awareness of early symptoms, so that children can be diagnosed before they become seriously unwell.**

An event organised by Diabetes UK Cymru and sponsored by Jayne Bryant AM, it is being held at the Senedd to launch 'Children and Type 1 Diabetes Day' and celebrate the achievements of children in Wales who live with the condition.

Amy Evans, former Wales international rugby player is now an ambassador for the Diabetes UK Cymru's 'Know Type 1' campaign. The Ospreys' woman player of the year in 2019 has won 35 caps since making her debut against England in 2015.

She said: "I was lucky to have been diagnosed at age 11 because my family knew the signs of type 1 diabetes.

"Along with the challenge of living with type 1 diabetes has come the motivation to succeed.

"All children and young people with type 1 diabetes should know that it doesn't have to hold you back, and if safely diagnosed, people with the condition can go on to achieve

anything they want".

Children and young people with type 1 diabetes will share inspirational stories about how they manage their condition day-to-day, while achieving remarkable things.

As part of this campaign, Diabetes UK Cymru is asking parents, carers, teachers and members of the public to be aware of the signs.

**The four most common symptoms of type 1 diabetes, also known as the 4Ts, are:**

- **Toilet** – going to the toilet a lot, bed wetting by a previously dry child or heavier nappies in babies;
- **Thirsty** – being really thirsty and not being able to quench the thirst;
- **Tired** – feeling more tired than usual;
- **Thinner** – losing weight or looking thinner than usual.

If a child has any of the symptoms, take them straight to the doctor and insist on a test for type 1 diabetes there and then.

All it takes is a quick and simple finger-prick blood test, which a GP can carry out straight away and can diagnose the condition in minutes.

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## Schools welcome removal of parents' rights in religion, relationships and sex education

**THE Education Minister for Wales confirmed recently that parents will not be able to prevent their children from learning about religion, relationships and sexuality in the new curriculum.**

Ruth Davies, president of school leaders' union NAHT Cymru, said: "School leaders welcome this decision, which follows strong representation by NAHT. Going forward, this will help keep our next generation of learners safer than they would otherwise have been.

"RE and RSE are subjects that are vital to ensuring that young people have the knowledge and understanding to safely and successfully navigate life outside school.

"Although we agree that this decision will need sensitive and careful implementation, we are delighted that Wales is leading the way in ensuring

that all children have full access to the information and education they need.

"It is so important that all children and young people are able to learn about themselves, their physical and mental health, their relationships, and how to keep themselves safe, in an age appropriate way.

"Otherwise, as is the case now, too many children get bad and even harmful information from the internet or from their peers.

"It is only through engaging with different beliefs and a diversity of views that pupils can develop an understanding of and respect for themselves and others. This is vital for their life in modern Britain. Indeed, it is a government requirement of schools to promote British values, including respect and tolerance.

"These subjects are too important for young people to miss."

## Government supports veterans with railcard

**THE UK Government has announced a new railcard for military veterans, which will be launched on Armistice Day this year and Vale MP Alun Cairns is calling on all veterans to sign up to receive theirs.**

The Veteran's Railcard will be available from November 11, offering a third off train travel to more than 830,000 veterans who do not qualify for existing discounts. Initially, the card will cost

£21 during an introductory period, before the price rises to £30.

Alun Cairns MP said: "In the Vale, we have a community of military veterans due to the presence of the base at St Athan who will benefit from the new railcard. I'm calling on all veterans to make sure that they sign up to receive it, and benefit from this initiative. They have bravely served our country keeping us safe and thoroughly deserve to be honoured."

## New board members at housing association



**THE Bridgend county-based housing association, Valleys to Coast has announced the appointment of four new board members.**

Lisa Griffiths is a Fellow of both the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and the Chartered Institute of Internal Auditors and currently works in corporate governance and acts as company secretary for a number of companies within the steel sector.

Jason Evans is a partner at Gambit Corporate Finance, an award-winning corporate finance advisory firm based in Cardiff. He also sits on the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) Council for Wales.

Caroline Jones is an Associate Director at Savilles as well as a chartered surveyor and RICS registered valuer. Caroline has worked closely with

the affordable housing sector in Wales, providing valuation and consultancy advice on assets and new build programmes.

Sophie Taylor is a ICAEW qualified chartered accountant who is currently the head of finance at Cardiff and Vale College and is responsible for the day to day management of the finance team.

Duncan Forbes, chief executive of Valleys to Coast, said: "I am thrilled to be welcoming all four of our new board members to the team. They all bring a wealth of relevant experience and strong skills."

"On behalf of the Board, I would also like to thank Sarah Hay, Cheryl Tracey and Liam Bevan, who left in late 2019, for their significant contribution to Valleys to Coast and invaluable support over the years – we wish them well for the future."



*Fees that please!*

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## Top universities beckon trio from Barry school



**THREE pupils from Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg have been offered a place to study at two of the best universities in the UK.**

The three pupils currently study at Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg; Elly Greening and Huw Jones have been accepted by Oxford University while Twm Aled has been accepted by Cambridge University.

The 'Oxbridge' universities are considered among the best, and the pupils endured long and thorough interviews and examinations in order to gain their places. Elly Greening will be studying biology in Magdalen College, Oxford and Huw Jones will

be studying geography at Christ Church College, Oxford. Twm Aled has been accepted to study English in Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.

This is an excellent achievement for the pupils and also for the school and once again proves the success of this school and their bilingual education. The pupils had been prepared thoroughly and individually by their teachers and mentors in the school.

Mrs Catrin Bennett, deputy headteacher, said: "We are delighted that three of our pupils have received offers for study at Oxford and Cambridge, this year. They are not only talented, but also conscientious and charming young people. We are very proud of them."

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## New kit for budding footballers



**CADOXTON Youth Project and team equipment, from Rita Limbrick, have given support to the Park Lions**

**Football Club over the past year by raising funds for new football kit and** The team would like to thank Cadoxton Youth and team, as well as Rita, for all they've done; and all appreciate their hard work in fundraising.

## West End stars stage charity concert

**THREE West End stars, who just happen to be from Wales, will perform in a fundraising concert in aid of Welsh Hearts for theatre and music lovers alike at the Paget Rooms in Penarth on Sunday, February 9.**

The Three Phantoms in Concert show is to

be a celebration of musicals from The West End, featuring Mike Sterling, Luke McCall and Adam Robert Lewis, who have all starred as The Phantom himself in the musical, *The Phantom of the Opera*.

Welsh Hearts director Sharon Owen said: "I'm delighted that Welsh Hearts is able to put on what is always such a fantastic concert, with some of Wales' best homegrown talent. We'd love for as many people as possible to join us for an evening of haunting melodies from all your favourite West End shows."

"All proceeds will go towards placing defibrillators in Welsh communities, providing free CPR training and heart screening for young people. I can guarantee this special concert will raise the roof, and warm the hearts of Wales this February. Not to mention, you'll get three Phantoms for the price of one!"

Audiences will be treated to a magical night of showstoppers – solos, duets and trio selections from the hit show as well as *Les Misérables* and other popular West End shows. Tickets are £20 on the Welsh Hearts website at [www.welshhearts.org/events](http://www.welshhearts.org/events). Alternatively, contact the Welsh Hearts fundraising office on 02922 402670.

## Care home residents among the first to try latest magic table technology



*Residents of Albert Edward put the Home's new cutting edge technology to the test.*



**RESIDENT at RMBI Care Co. Home Albert Edward Prince of Wales Court in Porthcawl are among the first in the country (and the first in Porthcawl!) to try the latest mobile 'magic table' technology.**

The home has installed a Mobii table to floor system so that residents can benefit from an abundance of stimulating sensory activities. The technology consists of a portable projector that throws interactive, colourful and moving light games and activities onto a table, floor or any other surface. It can even project onto a duvet or bedside table, so that those who are less mobile can enjoy it.

It responds to any movement, projecting scenes and sounds from nature, physical games, quizzes, reminiscence experiences and painting activities to

stimulate and engage residents. Residents at the Home have enjoyed playing with fish swimming across a pond, working together on a giant jigsaw puzzle, throwing a beach ball to one another and even playing tennis. They have even made a virtual cake, cracking eggs with a splat and whizzing together the ingredients.

Albert activities coordinators Hannah Hutchinson and Mandy Kilpatrick-Evans said: "Our residents adore the Mobii magic table. It's amazing to see the impact that it is having already on their health and wellbeing. It has certainly proved to be a wonderful way to encourage social stimulation among our residents with dementia. We are very grateful to our Association of Friends for generously contributing to the cost of installing this cutting edge technology in our Home."

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# Resolutions agreed at Dinas Powys WI



*Sarah Thomas, of New Pathways, collected teddies knitted by Dinas Powys WI members for the use of the rape, crisis and sexual abuse support services.*

## THE January meeting of the Dinas Powys WI was well attended and turned out to be a lively and interesting evening.

In preparation for the NFWI Wales Conference which will be held in April, in north Wales, institutes are invited to agree a resolution from a shortlist of five offered for discussion, to be followed by a vote on which one to send as the choice for the NFWI Annual Meeting. The choice of resolutions for 2020 are: The need to recognise and report any suspicion of modern-day slavery; The need for more female test dummies when researching motor accidents; The need to overcome the present reluctance to discuss death and dying; The need for more awareness

of the serious depletion of the finite sources of helium and the consequent effects; The need for a national stem cell register.

After a short quiz (to test members' knowledge) and subsequent discussion of each item, a vote was taken on which subject to put forward. The one which had the majority of votes was the subject of modern-day slavery.

'An Artist's Life' will be the topic of the meeting on February 17 which will be held in the Murchfield Community Centre, Sunnycroft Lane, CF64 4QQ. Meetings are on the third Monday of the month at 7.30pm and new members are very welcome.

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# Men's Forum learn about the forgotten conscripts

**BARRY** Men's Forum welcomed Jacqueline Swift, a native of Malawi who has lived in the Vale of Glamorgan for many years.

Today the present generation know very little, if anything, of this band of conscripts from World War Two who played a major role in winning the war. Jacqueline, on a visit to the Big Pit coal mine museum at Blaenavon, was drawn to a plaque referring to the wartime exploits of young men working underground helping the war effort.

These conscripts came from all over Britain and were declared unsuitable, due to certain health problems, from serving on the front line duties. Many able-bodied miners were away on service with the Armed Forces; a serious shortage of miners was the result. Mined coal was getting very scarce; in some areas only three days' supply was stocked.

The Government of the day drew up plans to recruit personnel who had no mining experience, in actual fact 50,000 recruits were needed for the war effort as coal powered the railways, shipping, and armament factories, to name just a few. To recruit, labour ballots were held and if those selected refused working underground it carried a severe punishment £100 fine, three months in prison or both.

The Government minister in charge of this venture was Ernest Bevin, hence the name previously alluded to.

On selection, recruits were given details of where to report which could be any of 13 training centres in Great Britain; on arrival training lasted four weeks, digs were supplied, rations were

frugal and protective clothing was conspicuous by its absence.

On completion of training they were supplied with boots and worked in their clothing as purchased prior to recruitment, as a conscript. The mines were not in the least safety conscious: underground conditions were very primitive, no pithead baths or toilets.

Wages for a seven day week totalled £3.50 and out of this rent was deducted at £1.25 per week, so times were harsh. The conscripts played a massive part in World War Two but on the cessation of war, no official recognition of their part was given by successive Governments until 1989. Such events as Armistice Day in London were banned as parading through Whitehall, no medals had been issued, hence a group of former Bevin Boys of which Warwick Taylor from Oakdale led a petition for acknowledgment of their wartime efforts and this was achieved, citations and medals were given.

The rules restricting parading in Whitehall has been rescinded, and at last their effort have been acknowledged. A museum at Bishop Auckland, Co Durham has been created recalling these very brave men's labours.

The presentation given today was excellent and thought provoking of 'man's inhumanity to man.' Forum meets at the Holy Trinity Church Hall, Aberystwyth Crescent, Barry and the next meeting will be on Thursday, January 30 at 9.45am. New members are always welcome and further information can be obtained from Mac Tanner on 01446 743455.

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# Portfolio competition at photographic society

## PYLE and Porthcawl Photographic Society recently held their 2020 Malcolm Nugent portfolio competition.

Each member could enter a set of four prints or digital images, one from each of the following genres: Abstract or Still Life, Landscape, Nature and People, with 18 members entering.

Mike Clatworthy from Swansea judged the competition, and not only awarded the points, but provided an excellent critique on each of the 72 entries. Congratulations to Heather Roper who was the overall winner with four excellent images.

The Society was honoured to have Malcolm Nugent in attendance to present his trophy to Heather.

Pyle and Porthcawl Photographic Society is a friendly camera club with a mix of male and female members who welcome new members of all ages and skill levels, it's all very informal.

So if you have an interest in photography, why not come along and join us on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm at St Clare's School, Newton CF36 5NR? The Society's programme is available at [www.pyle-porthcawl-ps.co.uk](http://www.pyle-porthcawl-ps.co.uk).

Pictured at the photography competition are judge Mike Clatworthy, Heather Roper and Malcolm Nugent. Pictured (far right) is one of Heather Roper's photographs.





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Funeral service to be held on Friday, 7th  
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Major at 10.30am, followed by the wake at  
Llantwit Major Rugby Club at 11.30am.  
All enquires to W.A Brown & Son,  
Llantwit Major, CF61 1SG.

**WAKEFIELD**  
**Joyce**

Peacefully at The University Hospital of Wales  
on 18th January. Beloved wife of Ken, loving  
mother of Gina, Nikki & Paul, mother-in-law  
of Richard, Julie and Graham. Much loved  
grandmother of Kimberley and Jordana and  
precious great-grandmother to Jak, Isaac,  
Betty-May and Ruby-Rose.  
Funeral service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium,  
Port Road, Barry on Wednesday, 12th February at  
10am. Family flowers only by request but donations  
can be made to British Heart Foundation.

**NASH**

**Margaret Rose**  
(née Coombs)

Peacefully after a long illness on 17th January 2020,  
aged 69 years. Devoted wife of the late Tony,  
loving mum to Shane, Tina, Dean and Wayne,  
cherished nan to all her grandchildren  
Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service  
in our chapel on Wednesday, 5th February at 10am,  
followed by an interment at Barry Cemetery.  
Family flowers only, donations in lieu of flowers to  
Marie Curie Holme Towers at the service.  
Family request something pink to be worn in  
memory of Margaret.

**PRATT**  
**Angela**

With great sadness, the family of Angela Pratt  
wish to announce the passing of a dear friend  
and cousin. Angela passed away suddenly at the  
University Hospital of Wales on 14th January.  
Angela will be greatly missed by all who knew  
and loved her.  
Resting at Robert D. Johnson Funeral Directors,  
29 Holton Road, Barry. Funeral service to take  
place on Thursday, 6th February at St Helens RC  
Church at 10.30am, followed by burial at Barry  
Cemetery at 12 noon.  
Donations in memory of Angela may be made at  
the service to Ty Hafan Children's Hospice.  
For all enquiries please telephone 01446 733844.

**HODGKINSON**  
**Harry**

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Peacefully at Llandough Hospital, Harry, beloved  
husband of Christine, much loved dad of  
Catherine, Harry and Paul, a devoted grandad  
and great-grandad.  
Harry will be sadly missed by all his  
family and friends.  
Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service  
on Thursday, 6th February 2020 at Cardiff &  
Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry at 11am.  
Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so  
desired, for Alzheimer's Research will be collected  
on the day c/o the funeral director.

**WELLS**  
**Michael George**

Passed away peacefully on 18th January 2020 at  
Holme Towers, Penarth. Beloved husband of the  
late Mo. Adored dad to Dawn and the late Debbie  
and son-in-law Huw. Cherished gramps to  
Gemma, John, Joseph, Martin, Bradley, Boopsy  
and great-granddad to Daniel, Jake and Jack.  
Michael will be greatly missed by all  
his family and friends.  
He will live on forever in our hearts.  
Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service  
on Thursday, 6th February at 2pm at Cardiff &  
Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.  
Michael requested that no flowers be sent.  
Donations if desired, in memory of Michael, may  
be made to Marie Curie, Penarth.

**CALLEN**  
**Jean**

Sadly at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff  
on 16th January 2020. Beloved wife of David,  
loving mother of Maria, Wayne, Tracy and Karl,  
much loved grandmother and  
great-grandmother.

She was an absolute Legend.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James &  
Sons, Fommon, Funeral Tuesday, 11th February,  
Service and Cremation 12 noon at Cardiff and  
Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Donations, if  
desired, to R.N.L.I. and British Heart Foundation.

**GILL**  
**Hilary Rose**

Peacefully after a long illness at the University  
Hospital of Wales Cardiff on 19th January 2020,  
Hilary, aged 81 years. Beloved wife of the late  
Alexander much loved mother of Wayne and  
Andrew, also a loved grandmother.  
Hilary will be sadly missed by all who knew her.  
Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service  
in the Chapel of Rest on Monday, 10th February at  
11am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery  
Flowers may be sent to the funeral home.

**BALDWIN**  
**Sylvia Cynthia**  
(née Webb)

Quietly on 28th December at Waverly Care  
Centre, Penarth, Sylvia died, aged 80 years.  
Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Barry, until the  
service on Friday, 7th February at Cardiff and  
Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry, at 11am.  
Family flowers only by request but donations in lieu  
of flowers can be made at the service in aid of the  
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**MORGAN**  
**Margaret (née Roberts)**

Peacefully passed away on 19th January  
surrounded by her loving family. Loving wife to the  
late Richie, much loved and adored mum to Mandy,  
John and the late Cheryl, loving mother-in-law to  
Pearl, Jeff and Jason, cherished nan, great-nan and  
great-great nan to all her babies.  
Funeral Monday, 10th February, service at St James  
Church, Wick at 10.30am, followed by interment at  
Boverton Cemetery.  
Flowers and enquiries to W.H. Preene & Son,  
Mwyndy, Pontyclun, CF72 8PN. Tel: 01443 223368.

**EDWARDS**  
**Bobby**

Suddenly on 16th January at the Princess of  
Wales Hospital, Bob, aged 77 years, of Heol Las,  
Pencoed. Dearly beloved husband of the late  
Diane, much loved father of Richard and the late  
Robert, father-in-law of Helen, loving partner of  
Rachel, Rhianon, Ciaran and Harry.  
Bob will be sadly missed by his family and friends.  
Funeral Wednesday, 5th February. Service and  
cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend  
at 3.45pm.  
Family flowers only, donations in lieu if desired may  
be made to the MS Society (Bridgend & District) c/o  
Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, 2, Hilda  
House, The Square, Pencoed, Bridgend CF35 5NP.  
Tel: 01656 860545.

**WATTS**  
**Alice Gwenllian**  
(Ali Lewis)

Passed away peacefully at home on 17th January  
2020, aged 90 years. Devoted wife of the late  
David, loving mother of Sandra and son-in-law  
Colin. Adored nan of Steven and Jemma,  
great-nan of Dylan and Ruth. Much loved sister  
of Gwyn, Vivian and the late Graham,  
sister-in-law of Iris, Margaret and the late June  
and Hilda.  
Alice will be sadly missed by family, friends  
and all who knew her.  
Funeral Wednesday, 5th February. Service at Salem  
Chapel, Pencoed at 1.15pm, followed by interment  
at Pencoed Cemetery at 2pm.  
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**BULGER****Audrey Constance**

Passed away peacefully at her daughter's home on 19th January 2020, aged 97 years with her family around her. No service, as Audrey, at her request, was bequeathed to medical science at Cardiff University.

There will be a celebration of Audrey's life in Bournville, Birmingham on 9th February 2020. Our thanks to the Well Pharmacy, Western Vale Family Practice, District Nurses and Marie Curie Nurses.

**RADCLIFFE****Towyn**

Peacefully at Llandow Hospital on Friday, 24th January, Towyn Radcliffe of Morlanga Farm, Peterston-Super-Ely, loving brother of the late Tegwedd.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fommon. Funeral Wednesday, 5th February, Service and interment 2pm at St Peters Church, Peterston-Super-Ely.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Motor Neurone Disease Association.

**GLEN****Ada**

Suddenly at her home in Rhose, Ada loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fommon. Funeral Monday, 10th February, service and cremation 1.45pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Cancer Research UK.

**PHILLIPS****Mary Elizabeth**

Peacefully on 2nd of January, Mary passed away at home. Beloved wife to Vivian, mother to Jackie, Janet, Jeffery, Jeni and Jonathan. Mother-in-law to Rob, Elaine and Mike. Deeply loved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Resting at Park Funeral Directors until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on 7th February at 2pm.

Later at the Cadroxton Conservative Club. Family flowers only please donations in lieu to Cancer Research UK.

**STILLMAN****Gordon Ivor (Goggers)**

Sadly passed peacefully on 22nd January at Velindre Hospital, Cardiff. Much loved husband of Irene, dad of Wendy and Mark, father-in-law of Anthony and Carolyn and loving grandfather to all his grandchildren.

Resting at Park Funeral Directors until the service on Monday, 3rd February at 2.15pm at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu to Velindre Hospital.

**ABBOTT****Anthony Ashley**

24.04.1951 - 08.01.2020

With immense sadness and a heavy heart, we announce the passing of Anthony.

A strong inspiring man who lived and enjoyed his life to the fullest.

He was a wonderful husband to Topaz Summerfield-Abbott, cherished father of Adrian and Anna, fond brother and brother-in-law to Sharman and David, former husband of Pam and true friend to so many

The funeral will be held on Tuesday, 4th February at 1pm at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry, CF62 9DX.

**JONES****Darren Mark**

Suddenly at home on 17th January, Darren, aged 50 years sadly passed away. Cherished son of Rosemary and David, loving brother of Debbie. Much loved brother-in-law of Phillip and uncle to Damon and Daniel.

Darren will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Tuesday, 4th February at 11am.

Floral tributes may be sent to the funeral home

**JOHNSON****Michael Colin (Mr J)**

Peacefully at College Fields Nursing Home on 21st January, Mike aged 81 years. Beloved husband of Jeanette, much loved father of Mike, Rich and the late Nicola, a loved father-in-law of Tracey and Estelle. Also, loved grandfather to Chloe, Sam, Edie, Nathan, Libby and great-grandfather of Spencer.

Mike will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until being received into St Helen's Church on Thursday, 13th February 2020 at 4pm. Requiem Mass to take place on Friday, 14th February at 10.30am, followed by Interment at Barry Cemetery.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired shall be collected on the day for The Stroke Association and The British Heart Foundation c/o the Funeral Director.

**TYLER****Gillian May (née Baggott)**

Peacefully on 15th January at College Fields Nursing Home. Sadly missed mother of Matthew and grandmother of Alexandra.

Resting in the care of the Vale Funeral Service until her service at the Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Tuesday, 4th February at 4pm.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu to Velindre Cancer Centre.

## Acknowledgement

**ROBERTS****Rees**

Kay, Matthew, Sarah and Alan would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kind expressions of sympathy received during their recent sad loss.

Special thanks to doctors, nurses and carers for their wonderful care and kindness. Sincere thanks to Rev. David Boulton and those who attended the funeral service.

## In Memory

## In Memory of

**MORGAN Blodwen**

Quietly remembered as a year has gone by, not forgotten by Daniel, Mair, Mathew, Bethan & family.

## In Memory of

**MORGAN Blodwen**

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Section 17 (5)

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**PREMISES LICENCE.**

To permit licensable activities which it is proposed will be carried on, on or from the premises shown below. Details of the application may be inspected between the hours of: Monday to Thursday 0830 to 1700 hours and Friday 0830 to 1630 hours at Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB or by visiting the authority's website: www.bridgend.gov.uk. Any responsible authority or any other person may make representations in respect of the application, which must be submitted, in writing, to the following address before the date shown below:-

Licensing Section, Bridgend County Borough Council, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB  
**NAME OF APPLICANT:** Bryncethin RFC Ltd  
**NAME AND POSTAL ADDRESS OF THE PREMISES:** Bryncethin Community Centre, Ogmores Terrace, Bryncethin, Bridgend, CF32 9YF.

**STATEMENT OF INTENDED LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES:**  
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**DATE BY WHICH REPRESENTATIONS MUST BE MADE:**

This notice remains in force from and including the day after the giving of this notice to the licensing authority, namely 29th January 2020, for 28 consecutive days.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**LICENSING ACT 2003**

To whom it may concern:

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grant of a premises licence

at 69 High Street,

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for a premises licence to

serve alcohol from Monday

to Sunday, open 11:00 to

23:00.

Any persons wishing to

make representations to this

application may do so in

writing to the Licensing

Department, Vale of

Glamorgan Council, Civic

Offices, Holton Road, Barry,

CF63 4RU, or by e-mail to

licensing@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

not later than 28 days after the

date of this notice.

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after this date will not be

considered.

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be viewed at the Civic

Offices during normal office

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application. The maximum

fine on summary conviction

being £5,000.

Signed: P. Langford

Date: 27th January 2020

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**LICENSING ACT 2003**

To whom it may concern:

We, St Cattwg's Village

Hall Management

Committee, do hereby give

notice that we have applied

to the Licensing Authority

(Vale of Glamorgan Council)

for the grant of a premises

licence at St Cattwg's

Village Hall, Siginstone

Lane, Llanmaes, also

known as Llanmaes Village

Hall. The licensable activities

will be the sale of alcohol, at

permitted events, between

11:00 and 22:30, Monday

to Sunday.

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make representations to this

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Offices, Holton Road, Barry,

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# The GEM looks at the latest film releases – with Damon Smith

## DAMON Smith reviews the latest releases.

This week: a cynical journalist (Matthew Rhys) is profoundly affected by an interview with children's TV host Fred Rogers (Tom Hanks) in **A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD**... a woman (Blake Lively) seeks revenge for the deaths of her family in the action thriller **THE RHYTHM SECTION**... a kind-hearted security guard (Paul Walter Hauser) is wrongly suspected of planting a bomb in Clint Eastwood's dramatisation of **RICHARD JEWELL**... and Daniel Kaluuya and Jodie Turner-Smith play lovebird fugitives from the law in **QUEEN & SLIM**.

**FILM OF THE WEEK** he tells his peers. selected cinemas) A **BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD** (PG, 109 mins) Drama/Romance. Matthew Rhys, Tom Hanks, Susan Kelechi Watson, Chris Cooper, Christine Lahti. Director: Marielle Heller. Released: January 31 (UK & Ireland)

It's a beautiful day for everyone thanks to director Marielle Heller and her heartfelt love letter to self-acceptance, inspired by Tom Junod's magazine article *Can You Say...Hero?*

A Beautiful Day In The Neighborhood dramatises the meeting of an emotionally bruised journalist and softly-spoken children's TV host Fred Rogers, who preached understanding and compassion for more than 30 years on his half-hour educational series *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*.

Regular forays into the Neighborhood of Make-Believe in the company of hand puppets allowed Rogers to directly address his audience and shepherd pre-schoolers through tricky rites of passage. Scriptwriters Micah Fitzerman-Blue and Noah Harpster bookmark the cynical reporter's journey of self-discovery with miniature models of New York and Pittsburgh that perfectly reflect the opening sequence of Rogers' show and the playful, simple and child-like qualities of the host.

Two-times Oscar winner Tom Hanks is mercurial as Rogers, perfectly capturing his melodic vocal delivery and boundless bonhomie, which continues when cameras stop rolling. Matthew Rhys is a pleasing counterpoint as the embittered writer, who wrongly considers himself broken.

Together, they make the dialogue sing and guide us unscathed through potentially saccharine and sappy moments of renewal and redemption.

Investigative reporter Lloyd Vogel (Rhys) accepts a feature-writing prize at the black-tie National Magazine Awards with a speech about socially responsible journalism. "Sometimes, we get to change a broken world with our words,"

Soon afterwards, in a kiss of death in a Melina Matsoukas's stylish, sweaty and absorbing romance, which one character pitifully describes as "the black Bonnie and Clyde". Fueled by the fury of Black Lives Matter, Queen & Slim kindles

by you," she explains. "400 words. Play nice." Lloyd's wife Andrea (Susan Kelechi Watson), who gave birth to their son Gavin four months ago, is painfully aware of her husband's reputation.

"Oh god, Lloyd. Please don't ruin my childhood," she pleads.

Wearing his trademark cynicism as a badge of honour, Lloyd sits down to interview Fred, tossing out benign questions ("Are you a vegetarian?") in the hope of eliciting an interesting response ("I just can't imagine eating anything with a mother.") Fred's benevolent facade refuses to crack and, as Lloyd spends more time with his subject, the writer is compelled to address the deep fissures in the relationship with his father (Chris Cooper).

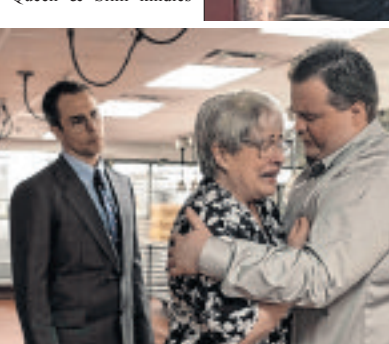
A Beautiful Day In The Neighborhood is an impeccably acted testament to the enduring power of the human spirit, which embraces us like a warm hug. Heller's faith in her actors is richly rewarded as she meticulously recreates TV studio sets that became a place of comfort to generations of American children.

By the time Fred launches into his closing theme song, *It's Such A Good Feeling*, we're in rhapsodic agreement.

SEX :: SWEARING :: NO  
RATING: 8/10  
RELEASED

**QUEEN & SLIM** (15, 132 mins) Drama/Thriller/Romance. Daniel Kaluuya, Jodie Turner-Smith, Bokeem Woodbine, India Moore, Sturgill Simpson. Director: Melina Matsoukas. Released: January 31 (UK & Ireland,

A first date culminates in a kiss of death in a Melina Matsoukas's stylish, sweaty and absorbing romance, which one character pitifully describes as "the black Bonnie and Clyde". Fueled by the fury of Black Lives Matter, Queen & Slim kindles



a fledgling romance between seemingly mismatched singletons and allows those sparks to build into a raging inferno of passion in the aftermath of a police shooting that could have been ripped from news headlines.

Music video director Matsoukas, best known for her Grammy Award-winning work behind the camera of Beyoncé's black positivity anthem *Formation*, makes a splashy feature film debut with impeccable soundtrack credentials. The jazz and Delta blues of Herbie Hancock and Little Freddie King jive comfortably next to the rap and R&B of Mike Jones and Lauryn Hill, whose soaring track *Guarding The Gates* is her first new music in more than five years.

Occasionally, Matsoukas makes creative missteps - intercutting an erotically charged sex scene in a car with a violent street protest is heavy-handed and risks emboldening the very stereotypes the film seeks to tear down.

Daniel Kaluuya and Jodie Turner-Smith are handsomely matched as the luckless love birds, who become poster children for racial injustice. They play Slim and Queen, who sit in the booth of a late-night Ohio diner, exchanging pleasantries on a hastily arranged first date. It transpires that lawyer



Queen decided to accept Slim's invitation after three weeks of silence because she craves company following the state execution of a client. "You didn't have any friends or family you could call?" asks Slim. "So you turned to Tinder?"

On the awkward journey home, Officer Reed (Sturgill Simpson) pulls the couple over for a driving violation. A fractious interrogation in the cold culminates in Slim shooting the cop dead in self-defence. "You're a black man who killed a cop, then took his gun," summarises Queen, who argues that their only viable course of action is to flee. "I'm not a criminal," pleads Slim. "You are now," somberly replies his date.

Severing contract with nearest and dearest, the reluctant fugitives head to New Orleans to lie low with Queen's estranged uncle Earl (Bokeem Woodbine) and his harem of lovelies, including the luminous Goddess (Indya Moore). Queen & Slim is galvanised by the two leads, whose relationship deepens convincingly during a ramshackle road trip down south with police forces in hot pursuit.

Screenwriter Lena Waithe engineers dramatic detours that occasionally strain credibility. The final 20 minutes feel a little disjointed

but a protracted set piece involving Chloe Sevigny masterfully cranks up the on-screen tension without any consideration for the state of our fingernails. SEX :: SWEARING :: NO  
RATING: 8/10

**RICHARD JEWELL** (15, 131 mins) Thriller/Romance. Paul Walter Hauser, Sam Rockwell, Kathy Bates, Jon Hamm, Olivia Wilde, Ian Gomez, Nina Arianda. Director: Clint Eastwood. Released: January 31 (UK & Ireland)

The media's character assassination of a socially awkward yet resolutely well-intentioned loner casts a dark shadow over the 1996 Atlanta Olympics in Richard Jewell.

Based on a Vanity Fair article and a subsequent book, *The Suspect*, by Kent Alexander and Kevin Salwen, director Clint Eastwood's quietly indignant drama is a stark reminder of how easily rumour and supposition can be mistaken for "fact".

Scriptwriter Billy Ray distils three months of trial by media and at least one potential violation of Jewell's civic rights into a compelling character study anchored by a winning performance from Paul Walter Hauser as the do-gooder, who pursues public service with a tenacity that errs uncomfortably close to obsession. Sam Rockwell is terrific as the down-on-his-luck lawyer, who is hired to pick at the seams of the FBI's conduct and restore lustre to Jewell's unfairly tarnished reputation. Meanwhile, Kathy

Bates is deservedly Oscar-nominated for her heartrending portrayal of Jewell's besieged mother, who feels humiliated by searches of her home in full view of clamouring TV reporters. "They went through my underthings," she sobs to her son. "How much indignity do they want us to take?"

For more than a decade, Richard Jewell (Hauser) dreams of a role in law enforcement.

In 1996, he is proud to work as a security guard at the 26th Summer Olympics in his home city of Atlanta.

During a concert in Centennial Park on the middle weekend of the Games, Jewell spots an unattended bag and raises the alarm.

His swift and decisive action saves countless lives and he is anointed a hero.

FBI Agent Tom Shaw (Jon Hamm) and partner FBI Agent Dan Benett (Ian Gomez) come under intense pressure to apprehend the bomber.

They incorrectly identify Jewell as a suspect because his profile "fits the hero-bomber to a T".

Kathy Scruggs (Olivia Wilde), a hard-nosed journalist with the Atlanta-Journal Constitution, trades on her potent sexuality to extract confidential information from Shaw and splashes the FBI's suspicions about Jewell across the front page.

The FBI is forced to respond, calling Jewell in for questioning under false pretences while a voracious media pack swarms around the home of his disbelieving mother, Bobi (Kathy Bates). As public opinion wavers, the

maligned loner hires lawyer Watson Bryant (Sam Rockwell) to refute the bogus accusations.

Richard Jewell restores Eastwood's stature as a gifted humanist director after a painfully misconceived reenactment of another terrorist outrage in *The 15:17 To Paris*.

The problematic and hotly disputed depiction of Scruggs, who burns white hot courtesy of Wilde's performance, doesn't extinguish the fire in the film's belly about presumed innocence.

The truth many set you free but it can also chain you tightly to suspicion. SEX :: SWEARING :: NO  
RATING: 7.5/10

Also released: **THE RHYTHM SECTION** (15, 109 mins)

Released: January 31 (UK & Ireland) Eon Productions, guardians of the James Bond film franchise, cast Blake Lively as an avenging angel in a high-stakes espionage thriller, adapted for the screen by author Mark Burnell from his novel.

Stephanie Patrick (Lively) is devastated by the deaths of her family in a plane crash, which should have also claimed her life.

She numbs the guilt and grief with alcohol and anonymous sex in the guise of a chemical blonde prostitute called Lisa.

At her lowest ebb, Stephanie meets tenacious journalist Keith Proctor (Raza Jaffrey), who reveals the crash was caused by a bomb.

Hungry for justice, Stephanie entreats former MI6 operative Ian Boyd (Jude Law) to mould her into a lean, mean killing machine,

capable of hunting the people responsible for the explosive device.

Stephanie learns to adopt a series of aliases - an American student, an English management consultant, a Swiss businesswoman - to lure her prey into a false sense of security.

**THE LIGHTHOUSE** (15, 109 mins) Released: January 31 (UK & Ireland, selected cinemas)

Two salty sea dogs come to murderous blows in 1890s New England in director Robert Eggers' stylish horror, which has been deservedly nominated for Best Cinematography at this year's Academy Awards.

Shot in stunning black and white, the film opens with the arrival of Ephraim Winslow (Robert Pattinson) on an isolated island.

He will serve the next four weeks as lighthouse keeper alongside a cantankerous old coot called Thomas Wake (Willem Dafoe), who makes mysterious night-time visits to the lantern room.

There is friction between the two men as Wake delegates the most physically grueling and arduous tasks to Ephraim such as carrying heavy canisters of kerosene across the island's rocky terrain.

As tensions rise, Ephraim experiences hypnotic visions of a beautiful mermaid (Valeria Karaman) and a menacing one-eyed seagull.

It is bad luck to kill a seabird so, when the gull perishes in gruesome fashion, an ill wind blows across the island, trapping the two men with dwindling rations.



## Bridge Clubs round up

### Barrivale

**THE results for January 21 are as follows:** First, Adrian and Diana Trickey 67.06%; second, Mark Roderick and Mike Close 62.65% and third, Irene Thomas and Jane Brook 59.38%. The handicap winners were Adrian and Diana Trickey. New members are welcomed and a partner may be arranged, if required. Call any of the following numbers: 01446 418380, 01446 733425, 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm on Tuesday evening.

### Old Hall

On January 15, the results were as follows: First, Helen Barrie and Penny Jarvis 61.9%; second, John Beard and Liam Sheridan 60.94%; third, Gerwyn Watkins and James Mangles 59.90% and fourth, Mary Wallis and Myrtle Hansard 58.33%. On January 22: first, Glenda Roberts and Judith Nunn 60.48%; second, John Raymond and Allan Lewis 60%; third, John Beard and Liam Sheridan 56.67% and fourth, Mary Wallis and Myrtle Hansard 53.33%.

## Barry and District clubs latest results

**CRIB division 1:** Wyndham Cons 5, Rhose Social 10; West End 8, Moors Boys 7; Romilly Railway 10, Liberals 5.

**League points:** Romilly Railway 118, West End 116 Liberals 111, Rhose Social 111, Wyndham Cons 104, Moors Boys 103, Cadoxton Cons 102.

**Skittles Division One:** Slammers 1, West End C 6; Liberals A 5.5, Cambrian Flyers 1.5; Rhose Social B 5.5, Rhose Social A 1.5; Allsorts 4.5, West End D 2.5; Rhosesters 0.5, Rugby Club 6.5; Sea View Exiles 3.5, Rhose Social C 3.5; Barries Boys 2, Liberals C 5; Barry Town Fc 4.5, King William XII 2.5.

**League points:** West End D 82.5, Rhose Social C 79.0, Sea View Exiles 76.5, Rugby Club 71.5, King William XII 66.5, Allsorts 63.0, West End C61.0, Barry Town Fc 60.0, Rhose Social A 60.0, Liberals C 57.0, Barries Boys 52.5, Slammers 50.5, Rhose Social B 45.0, Rhosesters 43.5, Cambrian Flyers 40.0, Liberals A 36.5.

**Snooker Division One:** Cadoxton Cons Z 5, Wyndham Cons A

### Llantonian

Scores from January 6: First, Margaret and Hugh Thomas; second, Gwyneth Wilde and Jane Frampton and third, Hilary Bevington and Beryl Vaughan. January 13: first, Allan Evans and Norma Barber; second, Caroline Leonard and Meryl Phillips; third, Colin Hawkins and Alan Beckwith. January 20: first, Caroline Leonard and Meryl Phillips; second, Margaret and Hugh Thomas and third, Gill Daniels and Mike Stephens. January 27: first, Caroline Leonard and Meryl Phillips; second, Colin Hawkins and Alan Beckwith and third, Allan Evans and Norma Barber.

The club meets every Monday at 7pm in the Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major. New members and visitors welcome, call Alan Beckwith on 01446 775836 or email homestead34@btinternet.com for more information.

## Barry and District Ladies' Skittles League news

**THIS week's scores for the Barry and District Ladies' Skittles League are as follows:**

### Division 1:

Cigar Ladies 267 (G Drew & K Billings 27) v Barry Stars 243 (C Bishop 25); Bakers Dozen 267 (M Weston 29) v Pula Pala 225 (D O'Sullivan 25); Allsorts 262 (C Jewell 27) v La Belles 251 (N Cordy 25); Coppers 272 (J Hartnell 32) v Challengers 289 (M Griffiths 28); Sea View Gals 266 (M Richards, S Phillips, J Cannon & J Richards 27) v Space Finders 241 (L Jones & E Worthy 30); Family & Friends 238 (J Compton 25) v Cadoxton

Conservative Fillies 249 (T Clements 26).

### Division 2:

Breakaways 267 (V Martin 30) v Colcot Ladies 231 (D Mansbridge 26); Persuaders 218 (L Organ 23) v Rugby Triers 214 (N Williams 24); Rhose Starlights 230 (E Edwards 27) v Red Admiral 245 (G Williams 31); Roller Coasters 224 (D Masterman 25) v Family Affair 245 (S Vincent 27); Fallen Angels 274 (S Jones 30) v Etcetera 232 (C Stillman, K Baker & C Mackintosh 24); Witchill Weebies 344 (R Royle & S Edwards 34) v Bobby's Girls 324 (S Snelson 36).

### Division 3:

Hillbillies 313 (M Brinkworth 35) v Bandits 285 (L Norris 37); Little Devils 193 (J Hughes & JH Jones 23) v Dolly Mixtures 245 (T Rowsell 30); Sea View Ladies 204 (B Burnett 24) v Westenders 228 (J Canavan 26); Witchill Widows 316 (S Hurn 38) v Liberals 285 (J Mackenzie 30); Vixens 244 (D Marks 26) v Airways Angels 249 (J Thomas & J Naish 25).

### Division 4:

Socialites 153 v Witchill Wanderers 173; Witches 258 (L Carey 31) v Drifters 223 (N Shaw 30); Twilights 199 (C Brown 24) v Optimists 176 (S Pritchard 25).

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## Bridgend Bridge Club latest

**THE latest results** handicap were Ivor Hicks and Stewart Norton.

**Club are as follows.**

**On January 22:** First, Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham; second, Emer Disley and Debbie Lea; third, Ann Fox and Bill Turner. The winners on handicap were Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham.

**Regular club nights** take place at 7pm on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. All sessions are played in a friendly and manner, visitors and new members are always welcome. The winners on welcome.

## Vale of Glamorgan Football League

**THERE are new leaders of the Premier Division as Island Marine go top on goal difference.**

Marine won 4-1 over Barry Athletic in the Island derby to top the pile. St Athan picked up their second successive win with victory over Tynewydd; Sean Lucas (2) and Denver Salisbury notched in a 3-0 triumph. Cadoxton Imps beat Cardiff Airport 4-1 in an game with four red cards on the pitch and two off it; the Imps ending with eight men and Airport with 10, and both managers sent to the stands. Teejay Caton (2), Kris Powell and Kyle Henderson scored the goals for Imps. Penarth Town and Cowbridge Town were in a rare 0-0 draw at Cwrt Y Vil, sending

## Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club news

**AT the AGM of the Ladies' Section of Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club, Mrs Lynne Williams was installed as lady captain.**

This is the second time Mrs Williams has held this office; she announced that her charity for the year would be The Salvation Army.

The three ladies' teams

competing for Pyle and Kenfig in the Glamorgan and Monmouthshire Ladies Golf League had a very successful season, with the Ladies' first team retaining their position in Division One, and the second and third teams winning their

## A slow start for Seaview Lads



**THE year started slowly for the Seaview Lads Angling Club, with the first couple of competitions poorly supported, but by January 26, there were plenty of anglers fishing.**

The fish have also joined into the spirit of things with catches improving. On Sunday, a range of species were landed including cod, whiting, congers and even a thornback ray.

First blood of 2020 went to Ada Harris with a codling, followed by Mickey Langford. The following week saw bigger fish landed and Paul Crook was comfortable winner with a nice blonde ray; second place was a close run thing with Roger Green landing an eel that pushed Mickey into third by just two ounces.

Results: January 12: first, Ada Harris; second, Mickey Langford. January 19: firstly, Paul Cook, 6lb 14oz; second, Roger Green, 5lb 3oz; third, Mickey Langford, 5lb 1/2oz.

January 26: first, Paul Crook, 4lb 6oz; second, Steve Doble, 3lb 9oz; third, Jo Galivan, 2lb 15oz.

Paul Crook is pictured with his blonde ray.

## Brynhill Golf Club news

**THE horrendous weather deterred all but the brave from the Brynhill fairways last Sunday, January 26.**

The best score from the 'have a go heroes' were Peter Phillips and Clive

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ahead of recently arrived Mike Cockfield and Roy Harry. It's back to singles next week so let's hope the golfing gods are on our side and we get a break in the weather.

Peter Phillips and Clive

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## The greens they are a-changing

**THE recent cold but dry conditions prompted St Mary's seniors section to play their first full round of 18 holes for several weeks.**

The competition took the form of an individual Stableford and a fairly short field of 24 tee off, also aiming for points to kick off the year's campaign for the Victor Ludorum trophy.

The early chill was banished as the sun rose but the ground remained largely frozen all morning. Hard bounces made the greens unresponsive to approach shots and putting accuracy was rather less than predictable. The difficult conditions were reflected in the modest scoring with 30 points enough to secure the victory for vice-captain, Malcolm Jones.

Phil Williams claimed second place, one point back on 29. Gordon Campbell and Jon Paton tied for third on 28.

Later in the week, warmer weather saw an unwelcome return to muddy conditions and 23 competitors returned to a short course of 10 holes

in a '321' competition for teams of three or four. In the latter case, one player in turn dropped out on each hole so that only three scores count.

The competition is popularly known as 'Dusty Bin' (by those of a certain age), and the format requires that the Stableford scores of all three players be recorded on the first hole, two scores on the second, and the best single score on the third - this pattern then repeats.

With an average of two counting scores per hole, the nominal par for 10 holes was 40 points. The softer conditions made the greens highly receptive, however, and scoring was excellent.

In first place, with a remarkable score of 55 points, was the four-ball team of Owen Maund, Trevor Jones, Phil Banks and Norman Lloyd. In second place, with a score of 47 points, was the three-ball team of Gordon Campbell, Graham Jones and Phil Hutton.

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## On and Off the Turf with Brian Lee

**FORMER National Hunt jockey Christian Williams who trains at Ogmore By Sea saddled his first ever three-timer at Fakenham on January 23.**

His six-year-old *StrictlyADancer* (7-2) under Adam Wedge won the opening selling handicap chase by six lengths from *Robin De Broome* and then around 40 minutes or so later, his 6lb claiming jockey Jack Tudor took the conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle on the top-weighted *Massini's Dream* (4-1).

Tudor was also in the saddle when Christian's seven-year-old *Cap Du Nord* (5-2) completed the hat-trick when landing the handicap chase from the Venetia Williams-trained *Eceparti* and, as far as I am aware, this was the Jack's first ever double under National Hunt rules.

### Charlie's winner

Charlie Price, who rides out for Aberth's Tim Vaughan took the Novices' Handicap Hurdle at Wetherby on Thursday on Sam Allwood's

*JobsOnFire* which won by 10 lengths from *OverworkedUnderPaid*.

### Jack wins in tight finish

Merthyr Mawr's Jack Tudor was involved in a very tight finish in the Jumping For Joy With Free RacingTV Handicap Hurdle at Warwick on Wednesday, January 22.

Riding the top weighted *Jaisalmer* for trainer Mark Bradstock, he got his mount home by a neck from *Bardo* with *The Raven's Return* a further neck away in third place.

### Evan's long trip pays off

Meanwhile, on the same day, Evan Williams's 275-mile journey to Catterick from Llancafarn paid off when his five-year-old *Annsam*, confidently ridden by stable jockey Adam Wedge, won the RacingTV.Com/Freetrial Handicap Hurdle by two-and-a-half lengths from *Minella Trump*, a winner of its previous two races this season.

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## Maesteg Celtic get their revenge over Resolven with a comprehensive win



**MAESTEG Celtic took revenge on Resolven with a 22-8 victory when the teams met for the home leg of their West Central Division Two encounter on a wet and misty day.**

As expected, it was a hard-fought contest between two determined opponents. Celtic began well with their front five of Mathew Phillips, Morgan Reeves, Mark Wilkins, Alex Jones and Rhys Bevan Jones driving their opponents back at every opportunity.

Early on, Resolven won turnover ball in their

22 and ran it wide, only to drop it. Celtic wing Neil Arthur was quickly on the loose ball and gathered it to run in for a try. Outside half Tom George converted.

Resolven controlled possession well and spread the ball wide at every opportunity. Celtic centres Sam Mines and Kristian Jenkins, together with the back three of Aaron Williams, Neil Arthur and full back Morgan Lloyd held firm and play was mainly in mid field. Resolven did manage to close the gap with an excellent penalty. Celtic half backs Leon Evans and Tom George distributed the

ball well under difficult

conditions.

Just before half time, Celtic were awarded a penalty which Tom George kicked to the corner. Hooker Morgan Reeves found jumper

Alex Jones, who was driven over the try line for Reeves to touch down. George converted. The visitors took advantage of Celtic errors in the second half and scored a try outside. Tom George increased Celtic's lead with a penalty. Late in the game, Celtic pounded the visitors' defence with great carries by back

rowers Jonathan Davies and Ryan Turner but to no avail. One great run by Peter Kehoe was

stopped just short and cleverly turned over by the defence. The cross field clearance kick went straight to Celtic wing Aaron Williams who sprinted past the defence to score in the corner.

In the dying minutes of the game, Celtic tried vainly to get the bonus point try but wily defence by the visitors and over enthusiasm by the home team resulted in no further scores.

Celtic's man of the match was Morgan Lloyd (pictured above) who was impressive, at full back, in attack and defence.

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## Vale trainer's trip to France

**CHRISTIAN Williams, trainer of Welsh Grand National winner Potters Corner, has informed the national press that a trip to France could be on the cards.**

"We might go to France for a Listed hurdle in March; I took him to Auteuil last year and I probably couldn't run him in level-weight races here.

"If I was to race him in the UK, it would be in 20 runner staying chases, and off his mark (weight), I thought it would be a nice option to go to France."

He added: "I wasn't massively sure he would jump around Aintree until his win at Chepstow, but he has been good all this year. He travels nicely on the bridle and I'm hoping Aintree will suit him."

### Evan chalks up 1,000 wins

When Evan Williams' *Annsam* won the handicap hurdle at Catterick on January 22 under stable jockey Adam Wedge, Evan was chalking-up his 1,000th winner since he began training horses, rather than riding them back in 2003.

Evan, a former national point-to-point champion rider who rode 198 winners between-the-flags,

told the press: "I'm delighted, the kids have been keeping count and it's great to get there. I'm actually on my way home from Doncaster Sales, and I pulled over for a cup of coffee. I just sat there thinking: 'It's unbelievable we've managed to rattle off 1,000 winners.'"

"It's not until you reach a milestone that you stop and think about it and it goes without saying, we couldn't have done it without an awful lot of good people. You're only as good as the people behind you."

"We'll enjoy it, but we'll start trying to get to the next thousand now." Evan has certainly come a long way from the times he used to rush off home after riding in point-to-points to milk the cows on his father Rhys Williams' farm.

Adam Wedge also had cause for celebration as his Fakenham win on Christian Williams' *StrictlyAdancer* at Fakenham last Thursday was his second successive half-century.

He said: "Things are going well and I've got brilliant people behind me. I go to Christian's once a week and I'm getting chances with Evan Williams and Emma Lavelle, who are great people to ride for."

Brian Lee

## News from Porthcawl Bridge Club



**AT Porthcawl Bridge Club, the Club Teams Championship – the Margaret Thomas Bowl – was convincingly won by Vida, Glyn, Tony, and Keith.**

The latest results from the club are as follows:

January 11, First: Vida Halford and Glyn Williams; second: Dave Lea and Bill Turner.

January 16, First: Keith Davison and Tony Haworth; second: Pat Roper and John Cobby.

January 18, First: Dave and Debbie Lea; second:

Pat Haworth and Terry Dolan.

January 23, Club Championship Teams: Winners (pictured above) Vida Halford, Glyn Williams, Tony Haworth, Keith Davison; runners-up Eleanor Jones, Dian Jones, Dil and Marian Evans.

The club meets twice a week at the Awel-y-Mor centre, Thursdays 6.45pm – 9.45pm; Saturdays 3.15pm – 6.15pm. Visitors welcome at any time.

To contact the club, call secretary Trish on 01656 785794.

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## A very local derby match

**THERE was only one match for the Barry Chess Club this week.**

However, we run two teams in division three, so 10 players were actually involved.

When the team selection was made, the strongest five players were placed in the Quarks team and the so called weaker players represented the Gambits team.

It came as no surprise to see the Quarks win 5-0.

Mark Cooke, John Stephenson, Mike O'Leary, Martin Ricketts and Philip Jones were all winners on the night. On boards 4 and 5, Stephen Maguire and new player Ioan Cookson put up the best defences, both playing over 50 moves before succumbing to defeat.

This victory has moved the Quarks up to second place but with champions elect Pentyrch Amateurs and

Rhondda A both picking up four points we haven't really moved very far.

Elsewhere the Pontypridd Carpathians team in division four has folded, meaning the next league match for the Stauntons is not until February 11, although there is hope that a game can be arranged before then.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm most Mondays excluding Bank Holidays at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY. New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but it is better to contact one of the club members through the website first so that we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival. For more details visit our website at <http://barry-chessclub.yolasite.com>

PJ





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## Barry get back to winning ways – and a bonus point!

**FIELDING** perhaps their strongest side for some time, Barry RFC Firsts produced a much-improved performance against struggling Cambrian Welfare at the Reservoir Field last Saturday, and they produced a much-needed bonus point win by 26–14.

With both sides trying to play an open and expansive game but with neither able to get the breakthrough, it took an error in attack by Welfare to give Barry the opening score.

A loose pass was hacked through by Barry and Harry Moyle was in support to cross for the try, with Kyle Barross kicking the conversion for a 7–0 lead.

Barry had further chances during soon after and were unlucky not to score again, but it was Welfare who did just that as a series of penalty awards in their favour took play into the Barry 22. Moving the ball, they drove at the Barry defence and scored a converted try to bring the scores level.

The game of attack and counter attack was providing entertaining to watch but failed to produce any scores.

Two quick penalties in succession for Barry took them close to the line. They didn't waste the opportunity as they drove the lineup, finally taken by Alyn Evans to

bundle his way over for the try, added to by a fine touchline conversion from Kyle Barross, giving Barry a 14–7 lead as the half drew to a close.

Welfare had the slope advantage in the second half, which begged for a change of tactics from Barry. Sensibly, they began kicking for territory with some success as Welfare were kept on the retreat.

Their efforts were rewarded as a penalty took them into the visitors' 22. From the lineup they drove at the Welfare eight with again Alyn Evans on hand to cross for their third try. The conversion sailed just wide but the lead had been stretched to 12 points.

A break from deep by Welfare deserved a try, but Barry saved the day to concede a five-metre scrum. Unfortunately, they were caught cold as the No 8 picked up at the base to cross unopposed for a converted try and now just five points separated the sides as the tension mounted.

With a lot at stake, Barry continued to play intelligent rugby and slowly worked their way into the visitors' territory. The quick up Barry defence unsettled Welfare, leading to a Barry scrum 15 metres out.

Controlling the ball well, Luke O'Sullivan deceived the defence to cross for an individual try, rewarded by another fine touchline conversion from Kyle Barross, leaving Welfare needing two

scores to get level as the clock ran down.

With so much at stake for both teams in terms of league points, the game became quite frantic, but Barry's second half tactics were working, leaving Welfare little change for their efforts and, despite several attempts, they failed to add to their points tally.

There was no further score as the final whistle went and the fog got worse, but Barry had run out worthy winners for a bonus point win.

Despite all four tries being scored by forwards, the efforts of the backs cannot be underestimated, especially in defence and this really was a team effort. The spirit perhaps not seen for a few games was back and made all the difference.

They will need more of that this week as they travel to play Rhiwbina in a rearranged fixture on Friday night, kick off 7.30pm.

Please note this fixture is being held at Llanishen High School and not at Rhiwbina.

The club still has a few Six Nations tickets available. If you are interested, contact [deanneham@ntlworld.com](mailto:deanneham@ntlworld.com)

The club lottery rolls over to £1,250 this week after last week's numbers – 02-07-12 and 16 – failed to find a winner. Two tickets matched three numbers to win £10. **AJ**

## Villagers' Houdini act salvages a bonus point

**ON a gloomy day at Parc Bryn y Don, the visitors from Rhydyfelin outscored Dinas Powys RFC – the 'Villagers' – by four tries to one.**

They dominated territory and possession and the surprise was that the Villagers kept the scores so close.

In the first half, only committed defending prevented Rhydyfelin scoring, with skipper Josh Dunleavy, backrowers Fin Davies, Ryan Hall, centre Ciaran Driscoll and scrum half Sam Middlemiss to the fore in this effort.

After 30 minutes, the visitors eventually broke the defence, scoring an unconverted try.

The restart allowed the Villagers to leave their own half and they gained a penalty, converted by outside half Ben White.

The pattern for the day was established as the Villagers failed to gather the restart and the Rhydyfelin forwards rumbled over for their second try, which was converted.

The Dinas restart appeared to be sailing over the touchline but was athletically gathered in one hand by flanker Fin Davies and he raced into the opposition 22. The visitors offended at the breakdown and with White successful with the kick, amazingly

the home side trailed only 6–12 at half time scoring on both their visits to the Rhydyfelin half.

The first 10 minutes of the second half saw Dinas have their best period. Centre Rhys Evans and wing Matthew Williams troubled the opposition defence and after 50 minutes, through two further penalties from the boot of White, the scoreline was level at 12–12.

The visitors were stunned into action and their well-organised forwards manufactured two further tries within the next 10 minutes, one of which was converted to extend their lead to 12–24.

The final quarter saw the Villagers press for a score of their own and a series of penalties in the visitors' 22 eventually led to a tolerant match official sin-binning a Rhydyfelin player. The home side took advantage as replacement scrum half Carwyn Jones fed replacement wing Adam Williams from a five-metre scrum, and he crashed over in the corner.

With the scoreline now 17–24, the home side had salvaged a losing bonus point.

The Villagers return to action with a visit to Mountain Ash on February 15, following the two-week break for the Six Nations. **HJ**

## Barry and District Men's Skittles League

**DIVISION One:** Geest 275 (L Galsworthy 27), British Rail 258 (B Smith 29); Bunker Boys 275 (J Gill 26), Willie Wombles 265 (J Kemp 26); Posties 283 (R Harding 31), Sea View 267 (A Elston 32); Park Lads 251 (M Jones, D Summerell 26); Cavaliers 260 (C Harding 28); Merryman 277 (L Dodgson 29), Blue Monkey 275 (D Cook, D McCarthy 29); Billy Whizz 285 (J McGann, G Niblett 29), 49ers 291 (B Hopkins 32). **League points:** Merryman 24, 49ers 22, Cavaliers 1, Blue Monkey 14, Billy Whizz 14, Willie Wombles 14, Bunker Boys 11, Park Lads 9, Posties 8, Sea View 8, Geest 8, British Rail 6.

**Division Two:** Mighty Dockers 280 (P

Burroughes 28), Witchill Poachers 250 (M Magrin, P Everest 27); H Bells 271 (T Mullins 26), Colcot Boys 302 (B Sullivan 31); Park Rangers 258 (N Phillips 26), Hairy Lemons 266 (J Buckler 26); Tynny Lads 256 (D Sluman, S Germon 26); Barry Park B 263 (S James 27); Cannon Balls 276 (D Pike 28), Exiles 262 (J Miles, A Ladner 27).

**League points:** Cannon Balls 20, Mighty Dockers 20, H Bells 16, Tynny Lads 16, KP Rejects 14, Hairy Lemons 13, Barry Park B 13, Colcot Boys 12, Park Rangers 11, Witchill Poachers 9, Castle Boys 6, Exiles 2.

**Division Three:** BP Breakaways 271

(G Slocombe 32), Ex Servicemen 249 (B Saunders 26); Cocoa Nuts 281 (L James 31), Billy Bluebirds 264 (M Bolt 29); Alternatives 284 (P Ross 29), Royalists 294 (C Iannucci 32); Witchill Nomads 361 (D Adams, D Burrows 35), CUD 329 (B Saif 34). **League points:** Alternatives 16, Cocoa Nuts 14, Royalists 14, Billy Bluebirds 14, BP Breakaways 12, Billy Flyers 12, Ex Servicemen 10, Witchill Nomads 7, CUD 3, Abercete 2.

View all results and league tables at [www.barryleagues.co.uk](http://www.barryleagues.co.uk). **JW**

## Sully bowler just pipped in World Championship semi

**SULLY'S** Jason Greenslade has never won the World Indoor Singles crown, but he came close to breaking that duck when producing his best performance in the tournament for eight years when reaching the semi-final at Potters Leisure Resort, in Norfolk.

It was in 2012 that the 49-year-old previously reached the last four of the competition, going on to progress to the final that year, where he lost to Andy Thomson, and he came agonisingly close to another appearance in the showpiece only to lose narrowly – 8–7, 8–5 – to Nick Brett in a tight affair on the portable blue rink.

"I felt as if I had played my normal game, I would have won," he said.

"I felt Nick was there for the taking and my record against him is very good. I was annoyed with myself. I led in both sets – I felt I had the fish in the net, but somehow he bit through it and wriggled away."

Greenslade, who has been clinging on to his top-16 spot for the past couple of years, needed a good tournament to cement his place on the World Bowls Tour's elite list and started well by beating Australian qualifier Brendon Egan 8–7, 10–2, in the first round, only to then come up against world No 2 Greg Harlow, the darling of the Potters crowd and one of the pre-tournament favourites.

Losing the first set 10–3, Greenslade looked to be on his way out, only to stage an amazing fightback that won him the second set 10–8, before



Jason Greenslade of Sully.

winning a nervy tie-break on the final end. He said: "To come here, my main aim was to put in a good performance after Perth."

That gave him a quarter-final berth against 2018 champion Mark Dawes and he again lost the first set only to bounce back and edge the second, before winning the first two ends on the best-of-three-ends lottery.

Brett, though, proved a game too far and although the civil servant pushed the No 6 seed all the way, he couldn't quite do enough to get over the line. But Greenslade was in bullish mood for my dad – I know he's watching – and for my mum, as they have been with me on top 10, while proving a few doubters wrong on the Norfolk coast. **Report by Dominic Pickley**

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